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ELDERLY PARENTS WILL NOT FACE CHARGES

NO ACTION IN TRAGIC DEATH CASE

AN ELDERLY father and mother who were arrested following the death of their daughter will not face charges.

Samantha Hancox, aged 40, who suffered from obsessive compulsive disorder, was found slumped in an armchair in the Tipton home she shared with her parents Ken and Marion.

She had a crippling fear of germs that had left her virtually housebound for more than three decades.

A post mortem revealed that she had died from dehydration and a skin infection.

Following her death in May last year, her devastated parents were arrested on suspicion of manslaughter and put on police bail.

Dropped

Now, a year after her death, the case against the couple has been dropped.

Former factory worker Mr Hancox, aged 76, has spoken of his relief over the decision.

He said police came to the house and said there would be no more investigation. His wife Marion, aged 77, is now in a care home.

Samantha's fear of germs got progressively worse from the age of 14.

At one stage, she would spend up to 20 hours a day in the shower and made her parents wash their hands before they handed anything to her.

Mr Hancox, who worked at Lion Press in West Bromwich for more than 40 years, even had to change into his pyjamas whenever he entered the house.

Jayne Salt, head of the West Midlands Crown Prosecution Service, confirmed the case had been dropped.

She said: "Following the discovery of Samantha Hancox's body at the home she shared with her parents in Tipton in May 2010, the police launched an investigation to find the cause of her death and to see if any criminal liability followed from this. A file was forwarded to me to examine all of the information and to determine whether any criminal offences had been committed and if so, if there was sufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction.

"Having had an opportunity to read the police case file, as well as information from expert witnesses, and having the benefit of advice from Queen's Counsel, I have decided there is insufficient evidence to satisfy the criminal standard of proof, namely beyond reasonable doubt, that any act of omission by Ken or Marion Hancox resulted in their daughter's death."

She added: "This has obviously been a very tragic case and we hope that this decision can bring a sense of closure for the family."

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Ken and Marion Hancox from Tipton with a photograph of their daughter Samantha

Samantha Hancox

Top from left, Sarah Moors as Nancy, with Maison Kelley as the Artful Dodger and Jessie Robinson as Bet. Starring as Oliver is Ben Evans, aged nine

You've got to pick a ticket or two...

MEMBERS of West Bromwich Operatic Society are treading the boards of Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre this week in Lionel Bart's classic musical Oliver!

John Wetherall, vice chairman of the society, said the show would feature many performers who were new to the big stage but the cast were in confident mood as they rehearsed at All Saints School, on Witford Road in West Bromwich, last week.

Mr Wetherall added: "It's a story everyone knows and loves and we hope ours will be a entertaining version of it.

"We've got a couple of young members taking to the stage for the first time, so there's some excitement about."

For latest ticket news call the box office on 01902 429 212. The final performances are on Saturday.

The musical is based on Charles Dickens novel Oliver Twist.

Support group for 'fibro' sufferers

TODAY (Thursday) is Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, which draws attention to a debilitating condition which affects more than a million people in the UK, most of them women.

A support group which meets at Brierley Hill, helps people cope with 'fibro'. Common symptoms of fibromyalgia are muscle pain and stiffness, fatigue, headaches, poor concentration, disturbed sleep and Irritable Bowel Syndrome. The pain tends to be felt as aching or burning, often described as experienced from head to toe.

Greater awareness among the public and the medical profession means more people are being diagnosed with fibromyalgia and a helpline has been set up for those who may be affected by the condition, 08448 872382.

The Black Country Fibromyalgia Support Group meets every third Thursday at 11am at the Nine Locks Community Centre in Brierley Hill. The next meeting is on May 19.

Hotpot for the stars – Alan Halsall and Lucy-Jo Hudson with Bloomfield Court residents including, back from left, Margaret Moss, home manager Sue Guest, and, seated at the front, Doris Jones

TV stars pop in for a hotpot

CORONATION Street stars Alan Halsall and Lucy-Jo Hudson brought a flavour of the Rovers Return to a care home in Tipton.

The husband and wife team were the special guests at a Betty's hotpot-themed lunch at Bloomfield Court Care Home.

And Alan, known for his portrayal of mechanic Tyrone Dobbs in the ITV soap, said he was enjoying some more light-hearted scenes in the long-running series.

"Before Christmas it was very full on, what with Jack's death and then the live 50th anniversary episode and then Molly's death," said the 28-year-old.

"At the moment though Tommy Duckworth has just come into the show so the friendship between them is just starting to develop."

Vegetarian

The actor, who has played Tyrone for more than a decade, also revealed he never tucks into a famous Betty's hotpot himself because he is a vegetarian.

"They have to make a special vegetarian one for me," he said.

Meanwhile, former co-star Lucy-Jo, 28, who played Martin Platt's love interest Katy Harris, said she was mulling over various offers of work. But she said a return to series Wild At Heart could be on the cards.

Residents at Bloomfield Court enjoyed meeting the pair of actors.

Mother-of-two Olive Gifford, aged 83, said: "They were lovely."

Church hall table top sale

A CHURCH hall table top sale is being held opposite St Giles Church, Hawes Lane, Rowley Regis, on Saturday from 2 to 5pm.

Vandals on car scratching spree

POLICE are investigating after at least 18 vehicles were vandalised in the Brandhall area of Oldbury.

All had paintwork scratched by a key or othe sharp impliment. The vandalism occurred between 6pm on Friday and 8am Saturday.

CCTV

Police have received complaints from vehicle owners in Worcester Road, Pitfields Road and Tame Road and are examining CCTV coverage.

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Sikh protester threw bricks at police officers

A "FRENZIED" Sikh protester from West Bromwich, who threw bricks and a wooden pole at police during a demonstration against a religious speaker has been spared jail.

Jagjeet Dhesi, aged 25, had travelled to the heart of the Sikh community in Southall, London, to take part in what was intended to be a peaceful protest.

However, Isleworth Crown Court was told on Friday that around 100 rioters attempted to storm the Gurdwara where banned preacher Darshan Singh was preaching, despite his ex-communication from the Sikh faith.

First-time offender Dhesi – an ex-Lance Corporal in the Territorial Army who lives in Springfield Crescent – pleaded guilty to affray outside the temple on March 19 last year and was given eight months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

Javelin

Mr Lyall Thompson, prosecuting, said: "Police officers identified this defendant as a main aggressor, he was livid and shouting in a frenzied state. He threw half-bricks at police and a wooden pole at officers like a javelin."

Mr Michael House, defending, said: "Mr Dhesi takes his religion very seriously but accepts the law is more important. He travelled down from West Bromwich to peacefully protest against the speech but suffered a red mist and behaved out of character."

Dhesi was also ordered to complete 180 hours community service work and pay £250 costs.

Funeral directors use pedal power

A FUNERAL director serving the Black Country has launched eco-friendly funerals with cardboard or wicker coffins and a bicycle hearse.

Bosses at Ian Hazel Funerals, which has branches in Great Barr and Aldridge, said it has seen an increase in the number of people requesting coffins made from cardboard, bamboo and wicker.

The company has even started to provide a bicycle and sidecar to transport coffins and horse-drawn carriages are making a comeback.

Owner Ian Hazel, aged 60, of Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, said: "There have certainly been a lot of developments and changes within the profession over the last 10 years. It would even be possible these days to have a coffin produced with the England football emblem on it.

"We can also now provide a bicycle hearse to deliver the coffin to the cemetery or crematorium.

"We get requests for horse-drawn carriages and wicker and bamboo coffins more than 20 times a year.

"We can make a personalised coffin within three to four days."

Bus

The father-of-two said an ex-Midland red double-decker bus is one of the most unusual vehicles requested. This was used at the funeral of 45-year-old Julie Waters, of Sutton Coldfield, in December 2009. Mr Hazel said: "The family even produced a special bus stop sign and issued customised tickets for everyone. We also get requests for funeral vehicles t hat are not black and motorcycle hearses are also an option."

Mr Hazel is the fourth generation of his family to enter the funeral director business after his great-grandfather Arthur Hazel started A Hazel and Sons in Erdington in 1901. He founded his own business in Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, in 1987, and opened other branches. Daughters Amy Hazel, 26, and Emma Wilson, 24, both of Four Oaks, also work for the firm.

The bicycle hearse powered by funeral directors Amy Hazel and her father and boss Ian

Inquest on hole death adjourned

A FORMER milkman found in a hole in West Bromwich died from asphixia while under the influence of alcohol, it has been revealed.

Reginald Cadman's body was found head-first in a hole in Stoney Lane, West Bromwich, in January, just a short distance from his home in Hallam Street.

Opening the 64-year-old's inquest at the coroners office in Crocketts Lane in Smethwick, Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said it was unlikely there would be any criminal prosecution.

He said Mr Cadman, a married out-of-work milkman with no children, left a local police station at 10pm on January 28 and was found by a member of the public in a 4ft-deep hole at 11.27pm. He was declared dead at Sandwell Hospital.

Mr Balmain issued an interim death certificate and adjourned the inquest while he awaited receipt of a full police report.

Labour stronger after Lib-Dem loss

Thumbs up from Elaine Costigan who got a 1,144 majority for Labour at Wednesbury North

LABOUR strengthened its hold on Sandwell Council, winning a seat from the Liberal Democrats as well as narrowly missing out on taking a Tory safe seat with a 19-year-old candidate.

There was no chance of a change in power at the authority before the election with 57 Labour members on the 72-strong council, but Friday's count saw Sandwell mirror the national Lib Dem demise as Shirley Hosell dethroned Keith Allcock, the standing Lib Dem councillor in Great Barr with Yew Tree ward.

Council leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, said: "We will continue to do all that we can to protect frontline services for local government as we try to deflect cuts from national government which are too deep and too fast."

Narrow

Labour won 23 out of 24 contested seats in all, with Tory Anne Hughes holding on to a narrow victory in Charlemont with Grove Vale ward. Her majority fell to just 112 after a close-run campaign with 19-year-old Labour rival Liam Preece.

Two of the new Labour councillors elected to the authority were following in their parents' footsteps. Stephen Jones, son of cabinet member Ian Jones and re-elected Wednesbury North Councillor Olwen Jones joined the party fold in Princes End.

Lucy Cashmore also followed in the footsteps of her parents as she was elected in Bristnall.

Her mother is the borough's adult social care chief Linda Horton and her father Roger Horton, was re-elected as longest-serving councillor with 36 years under his belt.

Councillor Elaine Costigan, who caused a stir when she left the Tories last year, was re-elected to her Wednesbury North seat for the first time as a Labour Party member.

*Sitting councillor

Abbey
Steven Eling* (Lab) 2651
Hughie Johnson (Con) 696
Barry Lim (Green) 357
Bryan Manley-Green (Lib Dem) 166
Labour hold. Majority 1955

Blackheath
Robert Price* (Lab) 1880
Debbie Elwell (Con) 1326
Labour hold. Majority 554

Bristnall
Lucy Cashmore* (Lab) 2003
Chris Brown (Con) 1011
Labour hold. Majority 992

Charlemont with Grove Vale
Anne Hughes* (Con) 1624
Liam Preece (Lab) 1512
Dell Macefield (Green) 251
David Fisher (Lib Dem) 242
Con hold. Majority 112

Cradley Heath & Old Hill
Ann Shackleton* (Lab) 2223
Alan Bowler (Con) 1150
Robert Johns (Lib Dem) 200
Labour hold. Majority 1073

Friar Park
Joy Edis* (Lab) 1555
Paul Farrington (Con) 671
Mary Wilson (Lib Dem) 172
Labour hold. Majority 884

Great Barr with Yew Tree
Shirley Hosell (Lab) 1831
Keith Allcock* (Lib Dem) 950
Robert White (Con) 629
Terry Lewin (BNP) 275
Margaret Macklin (STC) 125
Labour gain. Majority 881

Great Bridge
Peter Allen* (Lab) 1928
Steve Simcox (Con) 686
Labour hold. Majority 1242

Greets Green and Lyng
Gurcharan Sidhu* (Lab) 1982
Christine Vickers (Con) 532
Richard Mitchener (Lib Dem) 197
Labour hold. Majority 1450

Hateley Heath
Pat Davies* (Lab) 1911
Mark Cowles (Con) 833
Dorothy Brayshaw (Lib Dem) 121
Labour hold. Majority 1078

Langley
Yvonne Davies* (Lab) 2032
Maria Jones (Con) 936
Labour hold. Majority 1096

Newton
David Hosell* (Lab) 1787
Kay Allcock (Lib Dem) 1048
Robert Fitzpatrick (Con) 680
Emma Monasch (STC) 89
Labour hold. Majority 739

Old Warley
Trevor Crumpton* (Lab) 2027
Maurice Gaunt (Con) 1102
John McHard (STC) 199
Aldo Mussi (Green) 183
Bob Smith (Lib Dem) 179
Labour hold. Majority 925

Oldbury
Elaine Giles* (Lab) 2729
Edward Barnfield (Con) 619
Labour hold. Majority 2110

Princes End
Stephen Jones* (Lab) 1348
Steve Downing (Con) 750
Russ Green (BNP) 341
Labour hold. Majority 598

Rowley
Barbara Price* (Lab) 1821
Thomas Millward (Con) 1101
Labour hold. Majority 720

St Paul's
Zahoor Ahmed* (Lab) 3123
Nagi Singh (Con) 691
Labour hold. Majority 2432

Smethwick
Keith Davies* (Lab) 2419
Gurpreet Cheema (Con) 564
Neil Barlow (Green) 339
Labour hold. Majority 1855

Soho & Victoria
Roger Horton* (Lab) 3211
Altaf Ahmed (Con) 324
Labour hold. Majority 2887

Tipton Green
Syeda Khatun* (Lab) 2181
Nathan Poole (Con) 789
Ade Woodhouse (NF) 410
Labour hold. Majority 1392

Tividale
Lorraine Ashman* (Lab) 1884
Ben Elwell (Con) 840
Joanne Arnold (Lib Dem) 189
Labour hold. Majority 1044

Wednesbury North
Elaine Costigan* (Lab) 2029
Marc Lucock (Con) 885
Gareth Loveridge (Lib Dem) 93
Labour hold. Majority 1144

Wednesbury South
Olwen Jones* (Lab) 2372
Bash Hussain (Con) 912
Labour hold. Majority 1460

West Bromwich Central
Bawa Dhallu* (Lab) 3521
Jack Sabharwal (Con) 566
David Hawkins (Green) 351
Thomas Underhill (Lib Dem) 211
Labour hold. Majority 2955

Pictured: Shirley Hosell punches the air in celebration of her election success in Great Barr with Yew Tree ward

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Death prompts talk on foreign doctors

HIGH-LEVEL talks are being held over the issue of foreign doctors working in the UK, following a campaign by a Cradley Heath GP.

The General Medical Council (GMC) is working with the Department of Health on ways of monitoring the language skills of doctors from the European Union, coming to work in Britain.

The talks come after Dr Stuart Gray's father David died when Daniel Ubani, a doctor from Germany on his first shift as a locum in the UK, gave him a massive overdose of diamorphine. As a result Ubani was struck off in the UK but is still able to work in Germany.

Competency

Dr Gray, of Church View surgery, Halesowen Road, and his brother Rory, have been battling for a change to the way out-of-hours services are run, since his father's death in February 2008.

They want a change to the EU directive so the GMC can test the competency and language skills of doctors, which is not currently permitted.

Dr Gray, of Kidderminster, said the General Medical Council was now looking at his concerns. He said: "The GMC is looking to bring in measures to strengthen the testing of the language skills of European doctors with various proposals in the pipeline."

A British coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing on David Gray, of Cambridgeshire, and accused Ubani of gross negligence.

Road closures

MOTORISTS are being warned about road closures in West Bromwich while the next stage of the £25 million A41 underpass scheme is built.

Temporary closures will be at the junction of the A41 Expressway with the A4031 Cronehills Linkway. The road will close on Saturday, May 14, at 8.30pm, reopening at 5am on May 16.

Bridges

A second closure will be in place between May 21 and May 23. Diversions will be in place.

Work on bridges over the underpass is almost complete.

Crash con pair are facing jail

TWO women from Sandwell are facing jail terms after admitting involvement in a con to make bogus insurance claims for fictional car crashes.

Kiranjit Mand, aged 31, and Mati Irannezhad, aged 49, were among eight people before the courts for their part in the elaborate frauds.

Mand, of Pottery Road, Oldbury, and Irannezhad, of Barney Close, Tipton, both pleaded guilty to one count of fraud by false representation at Leicester Crown Court.

It follows the outcome of other trials. The guilty pleas can now be reported after other gang members were dealt with.

The court heard how a gang of five men and three women scammed tens of thousands of pounds from insurance companies by lodging fraudulent claims.

Four incidents were reported – two in Birmingham and two in Leicester – but only one was proved to have happened and that claim was exaggerated.

The investigation began in 2008 when police learned 37-year-old Hooman Jaffari, from Leicester, was planning to claim for a fictional road collision. Enquiries led officers to a fraudulent claims company owned by Jaffari in Birmingham, called Accident Experts Limited.

Defrauded

Jaffari acted as the intermediary between the supposed claimants and a claims company based in Lancashire, which was unaware of the fraudulent nature of the collisions.

Prosecutors said Jaffari managed to earn approximately £36,000 in commission through the scam and the total amount of money defrauded was almost £50,000. All eight members of the gang will be sentenced at a date to be confirmed, expected to be next month.

Speaking outside court, Detective Constable Dave Jackson, of Leicestershire Police, said: "This two-year investigation was incredibly complex because of the large number of people involved. Without it the defendants could have gained tens of thousands of pounds of compensation.

"Jaffari set up three of the collisions and gained the most from the scam but all defendants had their part to play."

The other people involved come from Leicester, Doncaster, Leeds and Manchester, and range in age from 38 to 46 years old.

Doubt over casino plan

A CASINO planned as part of a £15 million development in Oldbury hangs in the balance after calls were made for its licence to be reviewed.

Grosvenor Casino intends to open near the Birchley Island at junction two of the M5 using a casino licence that was granted five years ago, before Sandwell Council put a blanket ban on casinos in the borough.

A rival casino and the Casino Operators' Association UK have asked the authority to carry out a licence review for the new casino. If complaints are upheld, the scheme could be shelved.

Meeting

A report to Sandwell's licensing committee meeting today (Thursday) says the application for review was made by solicitors for Clockfair Ltd, owners of the Shaftesbury Casino, at High Street, West Bromwich, and the Casino Operators' Association UK.

Tesco-funded school in special measures

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A STATE-of-the-art West Bromwich primary school, which was paid for by supermarket giant Tesco, has been placed in special measures by Ofsted inspectors.

The school watchdog has ruled that Eaton Valley Primary School, on Dagger Lane is failing its pupils and that both its capacity for sustained improvement and its teaching are inadequate.

The school was known formerly as Cronehills Junior and Infant School, but changed its name to Eaton Valley Primary School when, in September 2009, it relocated to new buildings.

The old site is part of the £200 million regeneration of West Bromwich town centre, led by Tesco.

Special measures means that the school will now have regular short-notice Ofsted inspections to monitor its improvement.

If poor performance continues, the school could be closed.

The inspection of the school took place on March 16 and 17.

Ofsted Inspector Michael Miller said in his report: "The school has made insufficient progress in tackling the key areas identified for improvement at its last inspection."

Mr Miller criticised teaching at the school and said teachers did not take into account the individual needs of pupils.

But he did say they had the trust and confidence of their pupils.

He added: "The school does not analyse pupils' performance adequately and has insufficient information, for example, of the progress and attainment of pupils who speak English as an additional language."

Regulations

Mr Miller highlighted that he had to bring to the school's attention some health and safety regulations. One of these issues was not ensuring the proper register of pupils attending the newly-established breakfast club at the school.

Mr Miller did, however, praise the headteacher Susan Ramsay who has only been in her post for two terms.

He said: "The headteacher has put in place a number of well-considered initiatives for monitoring the school's work and improving the use of assessment. However, these initiatives have yet to have full impact."

Mrs Ramsay said: "As the new head teacher of Eaton Valley, I am committed to raising standards and the staff and I have already been making great progress."

The cars are the stars

Mark Moorfield from Oldbury with his kit car, a replica Ford Cobra car

HUNDREDS of vintage car enthusiasts and admirers flocked to Sandwell's 33rd Historic Vehicle and Transport Show.

More than 500 vehicles, some dating back to the 1920s, rolled onto Sandwell Valley showground for the annual event on Sunday.

Among the highlights of the show were a 1924 Rolls Royce Cabriolet and a 1920 Triumph motorcycle.

Father and son team Jim and Kevin Thomas were at the show to exhibit their prized cars, both of which were originally made in the Black Country. They showed off the 1923 Bean, made in Dudley, and the 1928 Clyno, made in Wolverhampton.

Mark Moorfield from Oldbury had his kit car, a replica Ford Cobra, on show.

As well as cars, visitors enjoyed a show by the Piston Ring Youth Motorcycle Display Team, a craft fair, trade stands and the Pat Collins fun fair. Buses were laid on from West Bromwich to the showground.

Man is accused of OAP killing

A MAN will appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court tomorrow (Friday) over the death of a West Bromwich pensioner.

David Peniket, 71, had a heart attack and died after an incident at his home in Bedford Road last Monday.

Gordon Whitehouse, 45, of Bedford Road, was remanded in custody charged with manslaughter, aggravated burglary and possession of an imitation firearm on Saturday.

Wind power pilot scheme is a flop

A PILOT project to judge if wind power is worthwhile in Sandwell produced just seven per cent of the energy needed to run one house for a year, it has been revealed.

The 33ft micro wind turbine outside Bleakhouse Primary School in Oldbury produced 209 kilowatt hours between May 2009 and April 2010, compared to the average electricity use of 3,000 per year in a conventional home.

The news comes as the authority plans to spend £3 million on a 200ft wind turbine in Sandwell Valley, supposed to power 1,500 homes.

The scheme's supporters said trees and buildings blocked wind flow to the micro wind turbine but its giant counterpart would not be affected by low level infrastructure.

Councillor Ray Nock, leader of the Tory opposition group in the borough, criticised plans for the larger scheme. He said: "I think plans for a giant wind turbine are foolhardy. I think it would produce negligible electricity and would blight the beauty spot."

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, cabinet member for improvement and efficiency, said: "These projects suggest that micro scale wind turbines do not perform well in urban areas, where trees and buildings tend to obstruct the smooth flow of the wind at lower levels. The larger turbine proposed for the Sandwell Valley is unlikely to be affected by lower level wind obstructions."

Far Eastern trek to help hospice

A FATHER from West Bromwich whose disabled daughter died aged 19 is gearing up to cycle 400 miles in her memory.

Colin Hunter is taking on the challenge to raise money for Acorns Hospice.

The 50-year-old will ride from Vietnam to Cambodia later this year.

He said: "Acorns Hospice helped me through my grieving period and cared so much for my Sam whose hand I was holding at her last breath. Money cannot buy what care they gave my family so I just think it's right to try to give something back."

Sam, who died in 2006, was born with several disabilities, including cerebral palsy. Mr Hunter has worked for Sandwell Council for more than 30 years. He began work as a tree surgeon and now works in bereavement services.

Training

He is already in training for November's bike ride, which is titled the Global Challenge Charity Cycle.

Mr Hunter, who lives in the lodge at Heath Lane Cemetery, said: "The ride will take me 13 days to complete with 28 strangers. I'll spend an extra three days working voluntarily in an orphanage teaching the children English and sport."

He is paying for the trip himself. He also plans to go horse riding across Mongolia next year in aid of the hospice. Sponsors can email colin_hunter@sandwell.gov.uk or call 0121 5696805.

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Brewery decision delay

IT WILL be at least six months before a decision is made on the future of an historic Oldbury brewery which has been a magnet for arsonists.

The future of Langley Maltings in Oldbury has been in doubt following a catalogue of attacks at the Western Road site.

Specialist architects are still on site drawing up a report for future uses of the building, as it may no longer be suitable to be used for housing. Parts of the Grade II listed building have already been demolished.

Million

Businessmen Lehmber Singh and Harbhajan Singh Dhadday who run D&S Enterprises Ltd bought the property for £1 million in 2007.

Mr Singh said it would be at least six to eight months before the owners were expecting to receive a final report on the building's condition.

Anger at fuel pay cut

A SENIOR Sandwell councillor has branded cuts to winter fuel payments for the elderly as "unacceptable in modern Britain".

Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said the Government move to cut the subsidy was raised by dozens of residents in the run-up to local elections last week. He added: "To cut that money for older people puts them in an awful position. People are very angry about it out on the doorstep.

"I hope we don't have to return to the old days of people with one bar on the gas fire and having to cover themselves in a blanket. It's not acceptable in modern Britain. It's awful the Government has hit pensioners, they are the people who built this country."

The yearly payment to help people pay fheating bills will fall from £250 for the over-60s, and £400 for the over-80s, to £200 and £300 respectively in the winter of 2011/12.

More time for the tip

RESIDENTS in Sandwell now have more time to use the borough's tip and recycling centre, with its opening hours extended this summer.

The tip in Shidas Lane, Oldbury, will now be open for 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm from Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 4pm at weekends.

Convictions at Warley court

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Nicholas Lee Bending, aged 41, of Dudley Road East, Oldbury: Given a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs for stealing four wooden fence panels to the value of £60 belonging to Sandwell Stone and Fencing Supplies, Langley.

Gurpreet Happy (alias: Gurpreet Singh), aged 20, of Bank Street, West Bromwich: Given a 12 month community order and ordered to pay £85 costs for failing to attend an initial assessment to establish whether he was dependent upon or had a propensity to misuse a Class A drug.

Jonathon Benjamin Mundle, aged 22, of Metrick Walk, Smethwick: Fined £95 with £85 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge for being in possession of a quantity of cannabis.

Munish Behl, aged 25, of Newhall Street, West Bromwich: Given a 12 month conditional discharge and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a VW Passat on Heath Mill Street without a licence or insurance.

Peter Lee Crofts, aged 31, of Summerhill Road, Tipton: Fined £175 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Ford Escort on Walsall Street failing to comply with a no entry sign.

Wahjid Hussain, aged 25, of Suffrage Street, Smethwick: Fined 610 with £150 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed seven points on licence for driving a Seat Leon on Cape Hill without insurance and without due care and attention.

Ross Doody, aged 18, of High Street, Princess End, Tipton: Given a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs for having failed to attend a follow-up assessment.

Mark Henry Richards (alias: Mark Richards), aged 25, of Langley Crescent, Langley: Jailed for 24 weeks and given a restraining order to last until further order for causing assault by beating and for causing damage to a mobile phone to the value of £100.

Kevin Christopher Baggott, aged 24, of Charles Walk, Rowley Regis: Given a 12 month community order, 300 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £750 compensation for stealing DVDs and computer games worth £2,494.

Jason Thomas Billingham, aged 23, of Vale Court, Overend Road, Cradley Heath: Given a 12 month suspended sentence, ordered to pay £85 costs and ordered to have treatment for drug dependency as a non-resident patient for six months for stealing a satellite navigation system to the value of £100 and documents of an unknown value.

Joseph Barker, aged 20, of Northolt Grove, Birmingham: Given an 18 month community order, 150 hours unpaid work and given a three month curfew requirement for stealing three items of jewellery to the value of £90, jewellery and electrical items to the value of £1,100 and a mobile phone to the value of £400.

Paul Smithson, aged 49, of Stafford Way, Hamstead, Birmingham: Given a 12 month community order, ordered to pay £100 compensation and £85 costs, and given a restraining order to last until further order for causing assault by beating.

Payout for boss who quit firm over bullying

A BUILDING contracts manager who resigned after complaining he was bullied and harassed over his age and hearing disaility has been awarded nearly £40,000 in compensation.

Mr Tom Ashforth, who will be 65 in November suffers from tinnitus, Birmingham Employment Tribunal was told.

He told the tribunal he was bullied, intimidated and harassed over his disability and age and, as a result, lost time at work suffering from stress.

Miss Nina Eskriett, representing Mr Ashforth, said he had been badly treated, causing him to resign.

Mr Ashforth, of Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, made compensation claims for disability and age discrimination and constructive unfair dismissal against the building firm B-Trac Services Ltd, of Cradley Heath.

Mr Ashforth, who was paid £570 a week, said there had been a build-up of bullying, intimidation and harassment by the firm over his troubled hearing and his age.

"I was undermined," he said. "People would not work with me."

Denying

The firm did not attend the hearing but tribunal judge Mr Nigel Roper said the tribunal had received a communication from the management denying the allegation.

He said Mr Ashforth's claims had been well founded and awarded him a total of £39,825, including interest.

Mr Ashforth said he had since got another job.

Climbing centre idea for town's old baths

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CALLS have been made to transform historic swimming baths in Tipton into a climbing centre.

Tipton Civic Society is worried about the fate of the old building when a proposed new £8.8 million swimming centre opens at the junction of Alexandra Road and Thursfield Road in 2013.

A letter has been sent to Keith Heyes, Sandwell Council's director of culture and leisure, urging the authority not to demolish the old Queens Road facility and to retain it as a leisure centre.

It said: "We believe the old baths have considerable potential for continuing as a leisure facility in a way which could be socially and commercially viable.

"The particular sports to which the building would be well suited are indoor climbing, abseiling and caving. The internal configuration of the building with its high roof, pool tank and basement would lend itself ideally to such extreme sports.

"Currently there are only four climbing/caving centres in the Birmingham/Black Country area: three in Birmingham and one in Wolverhampton, which means the central Black Country is devoid of such a facility."

The letter continues: "Indoor extreme sports are growing in popularity and Tipton is well positioned to exploit the market. A link could also be made with the extreme BMX activities on the adjacent Victoria Park."

The society has asked Mr Heyes to confirm whether the council can legally dispose of the land on which the baths were built in 1933.

It believes the land was originally purchased for the creation of Victoria Park by the old Tipton Urban District Council, which declared at a meeting on December 28, 1897, that it was "to be a free gift to the inhabitants of Tipton to be maintained as a public park and recreation ground forever".

Unrealistic

Planning permission for the new swimming centre has been granted in the past few weeks. Work on the building could start as early as January.

Tipton councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's member for jobs and the economy, said that while it was a nice idea, the proposal was unrealistic.

"The council is having to save £71m over four years because of Government cuts and, bearing that in mind, it's unlikely the suggestion would be financially viable," he said.

"A lot of things we would like to do aren't possible in practice.

"We will, of course, still consider the proposals but it's very unlikely.

"We don't want to give false hopes in the current climate."

Dancers' time of their lives

From left, Frankie Sullivan, 16, Lillie Civil, 17, and Dani Haines, 17, from Great Barr queue outside the Hippodrome in Birmingham for the Dirty Dancing auditions

HUNDREDS of dancers lined the streets outside a Birmingham theatre last week as auditions for the national tour of hit stage show Dirty Dancing came to the city.

Eager youngsters queued outside the Birmingham Hippodrome in the cold from 6am last Tuesday to try to secure one of the 26 places on offer in the ensemble cast.

Among the hopefuls standing in the line, which snaked around the corner from the Hippodrome entrance, were Sandwell Academy performing arts students Frankie Sullivan, aged 16, Lizzie Civil, aged 17, and Dani Haines, aged 17, all from Great Barr.

Frankie said: "We are all a bit nervous but excited too. It will be a good experience to audition for a national production like Dirty Dancing."

By the time the doors opened at 8am there were more than 200 young women standing in line for a chance to impress.

Campaigners get funding for remembrance projects

A £6,500 grant will enable campaigners from Wednesbury to create a book of remembrance recording the names of the town's war dead.

The Wednesbury War Memorial Campaign Group has been given the money from Sandwell Council's local area budget. It plans to create two official books listing the war dead of Wednesbury as well as booklets to be distributed in the community. Both will include the names and regimental crest of each of the soldiers. There will also be details of the campaign to have the town's war memorial engraved.

Fred Barnfield, one of the founder members of the group, said: "I am absolutely delighted that we have got the money."

The group was set up to campaign for the names of the dead to be inscribed on the monument in Wednesbury Memorial Gardens, as the original, commissioned in the 1920s, did not include them.

Last year £60,000 was spent on plaques naming the 1,060 men.

Sandwell Council's parks and countryside department spent £56,100 on the memorial stones and landscaping, with additional funds donated by the public.

Willenhall-based Stonemasons W E Jones Memorials designed the tribute and inscribed the names of the war dead on eight granite tablets. Sandwell Council paid the rest of the bill.

Mr Barnfield, who is compiling the book, said a further cash application had been successful.

Pride in the woods

THEATRE in the Woods returns to Warley this summer with a Jane Austin classic given a contemporary twist.

The Warley Woods Community Trust has again recruited Heartbreak Productions to put on the open-air production. This year the show on July 1 will be of Pride and Prejudice.

The classic has been given music and a contemporary feel by Heartbreak's writer David Kerby Kendall. Audience members are encouraged to bring seats and picnics. Tickets are £12 for adults, £8 for children and £35 for a family of two adults and two children, from the Warley Woods shop, The Pavilion, Lightwoods Hill, or by calling (0121) 4292440.

Dancing nostalgia

THE sounds of yesteryear will be ringing out at a nostalgic dance at Darlaston Town Hall.

A live band will perform at the Victoria Road venue today (Thursday) at 1.30pm. Admission is £2 on the door and all proceeds go to the Midlands Air Ambulance.

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The Barleycorn – to become a wedding venue

Pub plan battle is won on appeal

DEVELOPERS have won an appeal to transform a landmark Smethwick pub into a wedding venue – and it could be open before Christmas.

Work is to start within months on The Barleycorn in Smethwick.

The owners of the site in Bearwood Road, which dates from the 1930s and has been empty for four years, applied to Sandwell Council last year for permission to change the site. The scheme was then turned down despite being recommended for approval.

The owners appealed and the Planning Inspectorate has now overturned the council's refusal, allowing the development to go ahead.

Graham Parker from architects PJ Planning Ltd, who are acting as agent for developer Mr Aslam, said: "The appeal was won.

Ready

"The applicant will be sorting out the transitions and getting ready to do the works. It will take a couple of months to sort all the conditions out. He can do the inside works without planning permission. I would be surprised if it wasn't open before Christmas."

Under the plans, a 490-seat function room would be created on the ground floor with a second function room created on the first floor.

Although the existing pub has only 59 parking spaces, planners estimate 143 spaces will be needed.

Last May planners refused the application on the grounds of lack of parking and disturbance to residents.

Previously, residents fought plans by Halesowen-based Blue Chip Casinos to open a casino at the site

Drain covers being replaced

DRAIN covers stolen in Sandwell by metal thieves posing as council workers are being replaced.

A total of 19 covers were stolen across the borough over the Easter bank holiday weekend by a gang of men wearing luminous coats.

Tipton was one of the areas worst affected by the thefts with covers stolen from Salter Road, St John's Road and Tibbington Terrace in Princes End.

Xylophone concert

XYLOPHONIST Jack Williams will play at Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road, on June 9. Doors open at 1pm and admission is £2.

Rocker will not join Judas Priest tour

WEST Bromwich rocker Ken Downing has quit Black Country heavy metal band Judas Priest weeks before their final world tour.

The 59-year-old guitarist, known as KK to his fans across the globe, blamed a breakdown in relationships with current band members and management. But he still urged fans to see the forthcoming Epitaph tour, which includes a gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on July 29.

"It is with much regret that I will not be with you this summer,' said Ken, who lives at Astbury Hall near Bridgnorth, on his website.

'Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your concerns about my health. Please rest assured that I am okay.

"There has been an on-going breakdown in working relationship between myself, elements of the band and the band's management for some time. Therefore I have decided to step down rather than tour with negative sentiments, as I feel this would be a deception to you – our cherished fans.

'However, I would urge you to please support the Priest as I have no doubt it will be a show not to be missed.'

A statement from the group on their website said: "The band respect his decision and naturally all wish him well."

Downing, who recently opened a golf course at his home, will be replaced on tour by Richie Faulkner.

Victim of dog attack thought he would die

A GRANDFATHER attacked by three dogs in a Tipton street says that he is lucky to be alive.

Mick Hipkins has to rely on a wheelchair after the three Staffordshire bull terriers set upon him close to his home, biting his legs.

He left hospital last week, following the attack the previous week, and has met plastic surgeons to discuss skin grafts.

Reliving the ordeal, 63-year-old Mr Hipkins, who was walking his own dog Sammy at the time of the attack, said: "It was like something out of a horror film.

Mick Hipkins with his dog Sam

"I saw these three dogs running towards me. They were trying to get Sammy.

"I picked Sammy up and ran but they caught up with me. One of them got hold of my coat and ripped a hole in it.

"I was terrified. I was shouting for help.

"I'm sure if I'd been in an open space they would have pulled me down and killed me. I don't know how I'm still alive – that's the honest truth."

The dogs ran away when a neighbour armed with a garden fork arrived. It is understood they went on to attack several other dogs before being caught by police.

Mr Hipkins, of Windsor Road, suffered serious injuries to his legs during the attack at 8.45am on Monday, April 25, and was taken to Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

His wounds, some more than four inches long, have meant he is temporarily unable to walk and is relying on a wheelchair.

Flashbacks

"Up until Thursday I had had no sleep," said Mr Hipkins. "Every time I closed my eyes I could picture it.

"The nurse had to give me a sleeping tablet. I keep having flashbacks. I can see the dogs coming at me."

Yorkshire cross Sammy had a lump of fur pulled out in the attack but was otherwise unharmed.

Police spokesman Billy Corrigan said officers are still investigating the attack.

"The 45-year-old owner of the Staffordshire bull terriers, arrested in connection with the attack, remains on police bail," he said. "The dogs remain in secure kennels."

Anyone with information should call 0345 1135000.

No tag for offender as electricity is cut

A CANNABIS grower from the Black Country has been excused from his electronically-tagged curfew order – because his electricity supply has been cut off.

Warley Magistrates Court was told Kevin Ore, of Hill Top, West Bromwich, had been given a 60-day overnight curfew from 8pm to 6am after he was convicted of producing cannabis in March.

However, when officers from tagging company Serco attended the 49-year-old's home, they found he was sitting in the dark using a torch to see by.

The court heard Ore was in dispute with his electricity provider over an unpaid £2,800 bill.

Last week magistrates revoked the order and replaced it with 60 hours of unpaid work. Electronic tags transmit a signal which is received by a monitoring unit in the person's home, which requires electricity to operate.

Grow on – pupils get digging

Teachers Sarah Bryan, left, and Abbi Phillis, PCSOs John McNally and Nicki Harrison and pupils Maddison Bryan and Ellie-Mae Daley at the school's allotment

PUPILS have an allotment where they can grow their own fruit and vegetables.

Police community support officers invited Perryfields Primary School to get involved in a gardening project on an overgrown plot on Lewis Road, Oldbury.

A competition to name the project and design a logo saw winners announced at an open day. Ellie-Mae Daley, aged eight, came up with the Dig It logo to accompany six-year-old Maddison Bryan's title of Brandhall Allotments – Give it a Grow.

Plaques bearing their names were planted beneath a pear tree and an apple tree.

Police Community Support Officers John McNally and Nicola Harrison, of Old Warley. neighbourhood policing team, came up with the green idea.

PCSO McNally said: "The owners of the surrounding allotments have taken a real interest and helped the children a lot. It's a fantastic way of getting different age groups together."

Funding was provided by the Co-op, McDonalds, Redrow Homes and Sandwell Council.

Robber jailed for stabbing

A ROBBER convicted of stabbing a man who tried to stop him stealing a laptop computer has been jailed for seven years.

Victim Alan Dowen has been left permanently scarred after being stabbed in the neck with a broken bottle.

He was stabbed as he chased market stall worker Anthony Dutton along Birmingham Road in West Bromwich, Stafford Crown Court heard.

But Dutton stopped, picked up the broken bottle and said 'if you don't let go, I'll stab you' before plunging the jagged glass into Mr Dowen's neck.

Dutton, aged 26, of no fixed address denied charges of robbery and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, but was found guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court on March 8. He was jailed last week.

He had a previous conviction for robbery.

Jurors heard that Dutton went with friend Natalie Spencer to Mr Dowen's flat in Birmingham Road on June 22 last year, to retrieve her belongings.

Inside the property, Dutton grabbed a laptop belonging to Mr Dowen. After a brief scuffle, Dutton ran outside pursued by Mr Dowen who he then attacked.

Mr Dowen has been left with a scar from the four-inch wound to his neck.

Violence

Mr Simon Davies, defending, said there had been pushing and shoving between the men earlier.

Dutton was working on a stall in West Bromwich market selling jewellery.

The court heard Dutton had a string of previous convictions, including offences of robbery and violence.

Judge John Wait branded him a danger and made him subject to an extended three year period of licence when his jail sentence was over.

The judge said: "Having armed yourself with a potentially lethal weapon, you stabbed at a most vulnerable part of his body, his neck, and also stabbed again.

"That was a very grave offence."

Standards are slipping, says chief nurse

LEVELS of care on hospital wards in Sandwell are falling, according to a report.

Sliding standards, increased staff sickness, high numbers of agency staff and rising complaints are among the reasons why several have been declared 'worry wards'. The concerns were detailed in a quarterly Nursing Quality Report by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

Stroke

The report, written by Chief Nurse Rachel Overfield, outlined the quality of nursing care at Sandwell and City hospitals and listed the wards she identified as falling below set standards.

The trust is particularly concerned with Newton four ward at Sandwell which is a 22-bedded stroke ward that routinely opens to over 30 beds.

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Third memorial metal theft

The stripped copper dome of Barr Beacon war memorial and, inset, how it was before the latest theft

THIEVES have stripped metal from a landmark war memorial for a third time.

Copper was taken from Barr Beacon war memorial's roof again – about six months after it was last repaired.

Work to again repair the memorial targeted by metal thieves will run into several thousand pounds, despite the copper taken being "virtually worthless".

Thieves struck at Barr Beacon war memorial last week for the third time in just over a year. The latest attack, thought to have happened sometime between Monday and Wednesday, came just months after the roof of the 50 ft memorial was last repaired.

Half of the metal on the roof has been taken.

Walsall Council is now considering replacing the metal with an alternativermaterial which is less attractive to criminals.

Kevin Clements, Walsall Council countryside services manager, said: "Once again, we are facing a repair bill running into thousands of pounds yet the scrap value of the metal taken was virtually nothing.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird branded those responsible as "the lowest of the low."

The memorial was built in 1933 as a tribute Staffordshire and Warwickshire people killed during the First World War.

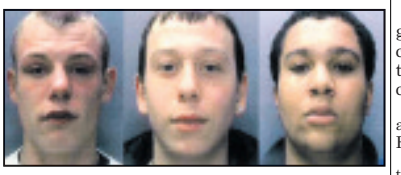
Court bans teen yobs from a neighbourhood

THREE nuisance teenagers who plagued shopkeepers have been handed anti-social behaviour orders banning them from the neighbourhood they have menaced.

Jordan Lycett and Lewis Woolley, both 18, and 16-year-old Myles France have been ordered to stay away from Newton area of Great Barr after a string of complaints about their bad behaviour.

The trio have been warned they will face arrest if they enter the area bordered by Newton Road, Old Walsall Road and the railway tracks between Hamstead and the M5.

An interim order was made at Warley Magistrates Court epending a full court hearing in June.



Left to right, nuisance teens Jordan Lycett, Lewis Woolley, both aged 18, and Myles France, 16

Threatening

The court was told how the yobs had intimidated shopkeepers and customers with rowdy and threatening behaviour.

The prosecution was launched by Sandwell Council with the support of West Midlands Police following complaints.

The orders also ban the teenagers from associating with each other anywhere in Sandwell.

They will face jail if they damage property, act violently, threaten people or drink alcohol in public anywhere in Sandwell.

Lycett, of Parkes Lane, Tipton, is permitted to visit a relative's address in Waterside but only if he is accompanied by his mother or father.

Woolley, of Scott Road, Great Barr, and France, of Shenstone Road, Edgbaston, are not allowed into the designated area for any reason.

Sandwell Council cabinet member Mahboob Hussain said: "We hope these interim orders will help protect the local community until a full hearing in June."

Anyone seeing the teenagers breaching the orders should call police on 0345 113 5000 extension 7911 6370.

Fun day boost for carers

SCORES of people turned out to a fun day at a Sandwell bar, which raised £800 for an organisation which helps children and adults with severe learning disabilities and also enhances their lives.

A bouncy castle, barbecue, tombola and other entertainment at Legends Sports Bar, in Owen Street, Tipton, pulled in funds for Sandwell Multicare.

Wolves supporter Bill Shuker, aged 60, of Anderson Gardens, Tipton, and West Bromwich Albion fan Mick Bradley, aged 52, of John Bright Close, Tipton, also raised more than £300 by swapping football shirts for the day.

Respite

The organisation, based in Brook Street, Tipton, provides respite care, Saturday clubs, holiday schemes and community activities for people with disabilities.

Licensee of Legends Sports Bar, Jennifer Freeman, said: "The whole community has helped to make this happen.

"The staff are also working for free and their wages for the day are being donated to Sandwell Multicare.

"It is a good cause," he added.

Children who use Sandwell Multicare were also invited along to the event.

Shop worker fined for part in no scan theft scam

A TEENAGED shop worker from Tipton gave more than £1,200 worth of goods to customers without scanning them at the till at a Merry Hill Centre fashion store, a court heard.

Sara Legister, aged 19, carried out the scam at TK Maxx in the shopping centre at Brierley Hill.

She passed on clothes and electrical items to customers on three separate occasions.

Bosses became suspicious when they noticed some of the accounts did not add up and studied CCTV footage, Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates.

Store bosses saw her twice "under-ringing" and "free-bagging" on another occasion, he said.

Under-ringing involves only charging a customer for some items from a basket, while free-bagging means putting goods straight into their carrier bag without scanning anything.

Mr Cooper said the store was now trying to recoup the £1,253 value of the goods from Legister, of Kirkham Way, Tipton.

When interviewed after being arrested on her 19th birthday, she told police she did not know any of the customers involved.

Pressure

But she told them the items were being sent to "a third party in Jamaica".

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said there was "more to the situation" but Legister had refused to name the people she had served.

Legister, who is due to start a performing arts degree at London Metropolitan University in September, lives with her parents, the court heard.

She had insisted on taking full responsibility for the crime, Mr Vahey said, and had lost her job.

He said: "She was clearly under pressure from other people to carry this out."

The three incidents took place between August 2010 and April 15 of this year, the court was told.

Legister pleaded guilty to fraud by abuse of her position when she appeared before the court.

She was fined £250 and also ordered to pay £85 costs plus a £15 victim surcharge.

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Golf balls peril sparks row over safety nets

Brooke Thornton-Cartwright and parents Andy and Joanne who say that they are afraid to allow Brooke to play outside their home for fear of her being hit by the balls which fly over from the neighbouring golf course

A BLACK Country mother says that she is terrified to let her daughter play in their garden in case she is hit by a golf ball from a neighbouring course.

Joanne Thornton-Cartwright, of Rowley Regis, said when she bought her home next to the course in August developers Bellway Homes said golf nets would be erected to prevent balls from Rowley Regis Golf Club landing in their garden.

She added that despite numerous phone calls, letters and emails to developers work has yet to be done.

Mrs Thornton-Cartwright said she is frightened to let 10-year-old daughter Brooke play in the garden of their Portway Road home.

She said husband Andy's car and the PVC frame of a house window had already been hit by balls.

She said: "If someone gets hit by the golf balls they could be killed, they come over at such a speed. Also I don't know who would pay for it if one of the windows were smashed."

Fencing

She added: "It is particularly frustrating when the weather is nice because we are scared to sit out."

Golf club owner John Broadhurst said: "Since they started building the houses three years ago we warned them it would be a health and safety problem and they said a net or a fence would go up. I was there when they said they would do it.

"It is their responsibility as the golf course was there first."

He has now decided to erect a subsidiary net and look into planting trees to protect the houses. He added: "It will cost me around £7,000 to do it, and it is not my responsibility, it is that of Bellway Homes."

Bellway Homes spokeswoman Julian Kenyon said: "The erection of any specialist fencing between the Bellway development and the golf course was not part of any planning or contractual obligation."

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Cast of pals at foundry reunion share memories

Former FH Lloyd workers, from left, Peter Nightingale, Ken Scott and Malcolm Vaughan; below, from left, areTim Lloyd, Arthur Roberts and John Keay

FORMER workers from an historic Black Country foundry came together to share their memories.

FH Lloyd & Co Ltd, which was on the site of the current Ikea store in Wednesbury, employed thousands of workers from across the region between 1879 and 1983.

It produced castings including ship propellers, turbine casing and sections for bridges and cranes.

The workers were reunited at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery, which hosted an exhibition about the firm last month.

Among them was Peter Nightingale, of Overdale Drive, Walsall, who worked there between 1963 and 1983, eventually becoming a foundry foreman.

"I remember the excitement of it," said the 69-year-old grandfather.

Molten

"There was always a lot of danger. There were times when you would be standing next to a ladle with 50 tons of molten metal in it.

"We wore suits that were flame-proof but all we had on our faces were these special glasses to protect our eyes. You knew if there was a splash there was a good chance you'd be burnt."

Gordon Basil Read, of Canterbury Close, Pelsall, was a maintenance electrician who worked at the firm for 36 years before being made redundant in 1980.

"Lots of people got burns," said the grandfather-of-five. "You would be working and then you would hear a scream from the other side of the foundry."

But he added: "The social side was brilliant. They would put shows on for us on a Saturday night and we had all the top artists."

Walsall mayor Gary Clarke, aged 79, an apprentice pattern maker in 1948, said it was the comradeship that sticks in his memory.

"The smell of thick smoke and the heat was often unbearable in the foundry but there was a great community spirit."

Grandfather-of-two Ken Scott, an electrician there between 1954 and 1967, travelled from his home in Buckinghamshire for the reunion.

"In the days I was there it was family orientated firm," he said.

"It was a dirty place there's no getting away from that," Mr Scott added. "Health and safety would have a field day now."

FH Lloyd folded as a result of the economic situation in the 1980s.

Former pattern maker and now Mayor of Walsall Councillor Gary Clarke looks at photos from the foundry with Mavis Hughes; below, former foundry workers Gerald Blundell(left) and Dave Yewen

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Dutch in tribute to RAF crewman who died when plane shot down

A MEMORIAL has been unveiled paying tribute to a war hero from West Bromwich who died on a bomber mission in 1944.

Albert Hall was one of seven people killed when a Lancaster bomber was shot down on its way to attack a German oil refinery.

Last week more than 100 people gathered at the site of the crash in The Netherlandsto unveil an information panel giving details about the crash and paying tribute to Sgt Hall, as well as his six comrades who were on board the ill-fated aircraft.

Mr Hall's relatives were unable to go but niece Judith Hopcroft, aged 69, of Oldnall Road, Halesowen, said they were there in spirit.

"We really wanted to make it but it wasn't possible," she said.

"But we are hoping to get together and go and see the information panel and Albert's grave in July."

Mr Hall was a 23-year-old sergeant in the RAF Volunteer Reserve 622 Squadron.

Farmer

His Lancaster was attacked by night fighters at about 2am on July 21, 1944. It came down on the island of Goeree-Overflakkee, killing all on board.

The information panel in the town of Oude-Tonge in the Dutch province of South Holland was unveiled by a 93-year-old farmer who owned the land where the Lancaster crashed.

It was created after three years work by a Dutch research group which contacted The Chronicle's sister newspaper the Express & Star about getting in touch with Mr Hall's relatives.

They were united after a story appeared in February.

One of seven children, Mr Hall was the son of George and Annie Hall.

The information panel unveiled at Oude-Tonge

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Tom Grosvenor's player's medals from 1933

Sealing Tom's transfer to Sheffield Wednesday for £2,500

Tom, top row, second from right, at Birmingham City

The footballer with his bull terrier Pete

Memorabilia recalling Tom's time at the top

In the 1930s Tom Grosvenor was one of the region's top footballers. Now his England memorabilia has turned up at a jeweller's in Dudley. CATHY SPENCER reports

Robert Joseph with Tom's England caps

HE grew tomatoes, kept pigeons and entered flower shows. Oh, and he also played football for England.

Now Tom Grosvenor's football memorabilia has been handed in to Rex Johnson Jewellers in Dudley where staff have had it framed to keep in the shop.

Among the items are three England caps, an England shirt and gold medals.

Cartoons from newspapers of the day talk about Tom, whose name was Arthur Thomas Grosvenor, and his wonderful football skills.

One says: "His control of the high ball with his foot had to be seen to be believed." Another says: "Whenever the forwards turned on the heat, Tom controlled the air."

David Walters, a valuer for Rex Johnson Jewellers on Birdcage Walk, says staff were stunned when the memorabilia was brought in.

"It is not the kind of thing you see every day," says David, 47. "It is great to see these items because they tell you a lot about football in the 1930s. In those days footballers were expected to sew their numbers onto their England shirts! Each time they played for England, the footballers were offered a gold medal or the equivalent in cash – more often than not they took the cash."

Crib

However, twice Tom decided to have a medal to mark his time playing for England and both are dated from 1933. A newspaper article, entitled "At home with Tom Grosvenor" shows pictures of the player with his prize winning bull terrier Pete, playing crib with his mum and giving his dad a hand growing tomatoes.

As well as football Tom enjoyed swimming and looking after pigeons at his Netherton home. He was born on November 22, 1908 and died aged 63 in 1972 after working at Controlled Heat and Air Ltd in Smethwick. Born in Netherton, Tom started his football career at Vono Works in Cradley Heath, where he worked, and was then with Stourbridge before moving to Birmingham City in 1928, after trials with West Bromwich, where his brother Percy played, and Wolves.

His early career was disrupted by injury, including cartilage problems in 1929, a dislocated elbow in 1931 and a broken leg in 1934. But he made 115 first team appearances for Birmingham and played three times for England in 1933, scoring twice.

Peter Lewis, programme editor at Birmingham City FC says: "He was basically a creator of chances for others and scored only 27 goals in his career. Joe Bradford, in particular, profited from his creative skills in the mid-1930s and Grosvenor's form around this period was recognised by England and the Football League."

Tom leaps up to head the ball in a match at Birmingham City FC

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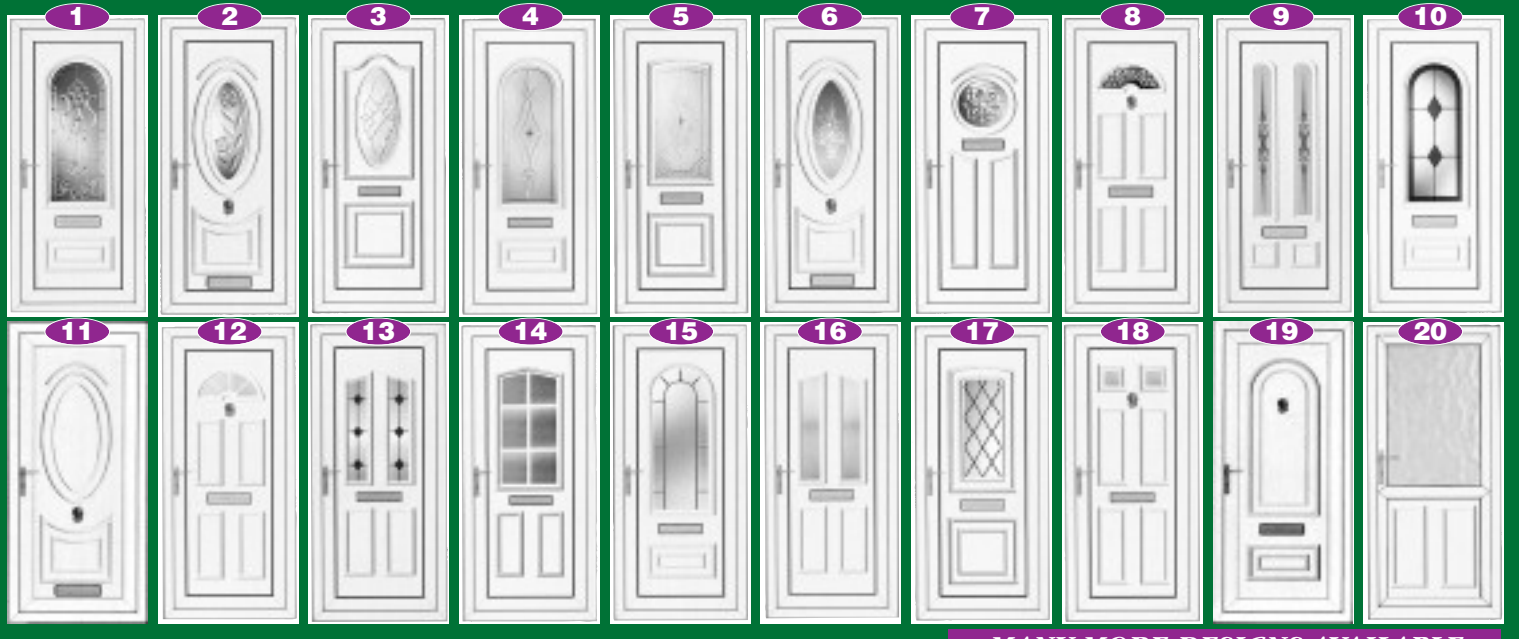

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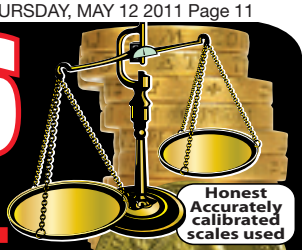

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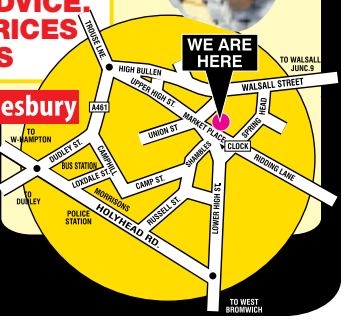

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Bob Taylor, General Manager of Veolia Water Multi Utility Services, said: "By working together, we are bringing long-overdue mains gas to the estate at no cost to the residents, Sandwell Homes or Sandwell Warm Zones – except for a symbolic £1."

Family sue over death in hospital

THE family of a Tipton man who died after a breathing tube came loose from his throat is suing a Black Country hospital – despite a coroner saying staff had treated him "properly".

Alan Hickman, aged 62, of Leahouse Road, died 12 days after being admitted to Russells Hall in Dudley with breathing problems, an inquest heard. He was given a tracheotomy – where a tube is inserted into the windpipe – but the tube came loose during physiotherapy and oxygen he was being given was prevented from reaching his lungs.

Coroner Mr Robin Balmain recorded a narrative verdict and said he was satisfied that Mr Hickman was "treated adequately and properly". But Mr Hickman's family say his death could have been avoided. The inquest heard that since Mr Hickman's death, guidelines on treating tracheotomy patients have been revised. Now during physio sessions, the tube is held in place by one member of staff while the other rolls the patient over, said Catherine Carr, a physiotherapist at Russells Hall who treated Mr Hickman on June 13 – the day of his death.

Father

The father-of-three, who worked as a universal grinder for 45 years, was diagnosed with pneumonia when he entered hospital on June 1 last year and was given the operation on June 11. There was an air leak in the trachotomy tube cuff and stitches had come undone on one side of the wound, said Elizabeth Smith, an intensive care nurse.

Mr Michael Wingrave, a solicitor for the family, asked whether a doctor had been told about the leak and she replied "no". Mr Balmain said these were "not valid concerns for the purpose of the inquiry".

The cause of death was given as a cardiac arrest, caused by pneumonia and a tracheotomy.

His wife, Lesley, 62, said after the inquest: "Alan and I had been together since we were teenagers. When I saw him lying in the bed on the ward after he had passed away, I could not believe what had happened. I had visited him just the day before and he had been sitting up in bed and was fine."

Jennifer Emerson, of Irwin Mitchell solicitors, said the family would argue the air leak in the cuff should have been reported.

Paula Clark, of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The narrative verdict given by the coroner recognised the procedures undertaken by the trust had been both necessary and carried out correctly, and that there was no criticism of procedures undertaken by the physiotherapist."

Plans for new GP surgeries unveiled

An artist's impression of Rood End Health Centre

Grand plans – the scheme for Great Bridge Health Centre

PLANS for two new health surgeries in Sandwell costing £10.6 million have been submitted.

The new facilities will be housed on a former car park in Great Bridge, Tipton and on land at Crosswells Road and Bloxcidge Street in Oldbury.

And these first artist impressions show how they will look.

At Great Bridge the new £5 million development will include two GP surgeries, extra community services and some outpatient facilities available for minor treatments. Work is due to start on site next summer.

The plan lodged with Sandwell Council has cau-sed controversy as it rep-laces a car park which traders want to remain open in the town.

A statement submitted to the council states that the two storey health centre will include outpatients, minor surgery, community services, staff facilities and office administration space.

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The report says: "The proposed unit will inject new life into the existing site.

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Meanwhile, in Oldbury, the new "super surgery" will cost £5.6m and house five GP surgeries including a minor procedures room, pharmacy, community respiratory service and sexual health clinics.

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Thanks to a £50,000 donation from Biffaward – which distributes landfill tax to community groups – managers say the site, which offers football, cricket, tennis and hockey, can continue to thrive at Wood Green Road.

Mr Johnson, who was born in Walsall and began his career at Wednesbury Hockey Club aged seven, said: "To be invited to officially open the new pavilion is a real privilege. I owe everything to this club. I started here 24 years ago and this should see it's okay for another 24 years."

Joining him was Wednesbury cricketer Carl Baker.

Sports union chairman Ian Warner said: "We opened 46 years ago and we have had to beg, borrow and steal to keep it going. So to have this funding and have Michael and Carl here is really special."

Brindley II land bought for scheme

TWO Smethwick trading estates, factory units and sections of the Birmingham canal have been bought using compulsory purchase orders as developers are poised to start a £42 million project.

The orders which require private owners to hand over land, have been made by Sandwell Council ahead of the long-awaited Brindley II scheme, which will see 193 homes, plus shops, roads and new open spaces built on land between Lewisham Road and Mafeking Road in Smethwick.

The A1 Trading Estate has been bought as has nine industrial units in Lewisham Road and land opposite numbers 123-141a. Land and buildings to the east of the A1 Trading Estate to Lewisham Road's junction with Bridge Street North is included. The orders cover number one Mafeking Road, the rear of odd numbered houses 17-39 on Whitehouse Drive and the Wolverhampton level of the Birmingham canal. Lewisham Industrial Estate and 20 units on Bridge Street North are included.

Councillor Paramjit Randhawa, of St Paul's ward, said: "This part of Smethwick has been blighted for years and the scheme will bring welcome improvements."

The Brindley II village was first mooted 10 years ago to revitalise Smethwick. The 12-acre site is next to the Brindley Village I development, completed more than seven years ago.

Call of the wild

BIRD watchers are holding an event to help other twitchers recognise birds by their call.

The event at Warley Woods will see Liz Coleman and Steve Hodgkinson from the RSPB hold a classroom-based lesson on birds and their calls followed by a trip out into the woods to put their birdwatching skills to the test.

Warley Woods Trust Manager Viv Cole said: "What many bird watchers find is that they can recognise birds by sight, but not by sound.

Enthusiastic

"This course aims to help them identify birds by their sound, so when walkers are out in the woods and they hear a call they can identify it. This is not a course for young children it is for those who are really enthusiastic about bird watching."

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Bus company is shutting down

A SMETHWICK bus company will close this month after its owners lost an appeal against an order to shut down.

Forty people have lost their jobs.

Coach Express, trading as Thandi Coaches, was banned from operating for 12 months and fined £4,400 in November last year after breaching a tribunal order.

Bosses had appealed the decision to shut down but the appeal hearing has now dismissed it.

The majority of the staff at the Alma Street firm, which provided buses for two Sandwell high schools, have already left the firm.

Owner Amardeep Thandi said: "The company has been closed down. At the hearing we had around 40 workers but since then people have moved on to work elsewhere.

"This decision means five people will have to look for work elsewhere. No one's left on bad terms."

Lapses

Maintenance lapses at the firm meant bosses were told in 2009 they could only run their daily school bus services to places like Stuart Bathurst Secondary School in Wednesbury and Q3 Academy in Great Barr.

But bosses were hauled before deputy traffic commissioner Miles Dorrington in November last year after they continued to run long distance services in breach of the decision.

It was also revealed that 42 out of 44 services ran too early, too late or not at all.

The latest appeal tribunal also ordered revocation of the firm's licences and personal disqualifications for bosses, to take effect from 11.59pm on May 26.

Mr Thandi, who ran the business with father Middo Thandi, said schools were not affected by the closure.

He added: "We passed the schools' work on to another company months ago. We told them about the hearing and were open with them, as with our workers, before the appeal."

Father-of-two Mr Thandi added he had no plans to sell the Alma Street base of the firm in the near future.

Metal thieves steal iron memorial plaques

Vic Wiles stands by space left after the 2ft high cast iron First World War memorial plaques were stolen from St Margaret's Church in Great Barr

METAL thieves have stolen two cast iron plaques which were dedicated to the First World War dead from a church in Great Barr.

The thieves ripped the plaques from the wall outside St Margaret's church, Chapel Lane.

The plaques are thought to be worth around £50.

Local people have been disgusted by the disrespect shown by the thieves to those who gave their lives for the country. Farmer Vic Wiles, aged 50, whose farm is opposite the church, said he was shocked by the theft.

Disrespectful

"I just couldn't believe someone would have the nerve to do this. You can see the marks where they have forced it off the wall," said Mr Wiles, himself a former member of the armed services.

"It is just so disrespectful. I know the church has had problems with metal thieves before."

Police are appealing for information on the plaques with about 30 names, which were taken on Tuesday, May 3, between 11.30am and 2pm.

Call 0345 113 5000 or con-Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Three arrested at derelict factory

THREE men have been arrested after a break-in at a disused steel factory in Tipton.

The men, aged 31, 29 and 19, were arrested at the derelict former Firth Cleveland Steel Strip Ltd in Locarno Road.

Police officers and the West Midlands Police force helicopter were sent to the scene after reports of the raid at 6.17pm on Monday.

Police spokeswoman Deborah Edmonds said police were called when burglars were thought to be at the scene.

Three men have been arrested and are helping police with their inquiries.

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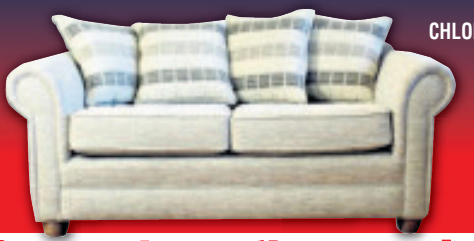

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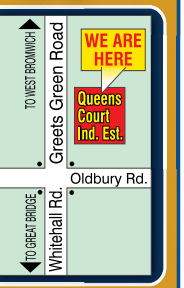

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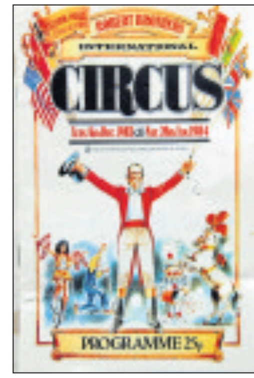

The programme from 1984

Richard 'Buff Bill' in the 1920s

Amazing circus life is revealed by father's tapes

A CIRCUS boss has told of his terrifying escape from Nazi Europe in a unique recording of his life story left to his Cradley Heath family.

Lifelong performer James Kayes, who once met Adolf Hitler, had to leave behind all the animals, including his three most prized horses, when war broke out.

He recorded the enthralling story on tapes, leaving a lasting legacy to his family. His son Tommy Kayes, who worked in the circus himself before moving onto fairgrounds, unearthed the tapes earlier this year, seven years after his father's death.

Boss who met Hitler, married a footjuggler and lived to 86

James Kayes during his heyday in 1982

Tommy, whose own children Ross and Scott now run the Kidsworld Fun Fair which tours Sandwell, added: "The tapes are fascinating.

"They were fairground people before there were rides, they had skills and menageries, it was brilliant. I am asking a friend to put the tapes on DVD to preserve the story."

Ringmaster and horse rider James was born into a family of circus people in Lidbrook in Monmouthshire, son to Richard "Buff Bill", who toured Europe with his horse-drawn USA Circus.

Johnny and James Kayes in 1931

Whirlwind

James was one of seven brothers and also had seven sisters, most of whom went into the circus. His whirlwind life story was preserved on the tapes in an interview for the British Library Archives, left to his son.

He made his ring debut at the age of six, dancing and drumming and toured with his father's show. It was as a teenager on a tour of Germany in 1933 that performers were introduced to statesmen, including Chancellor Hitler. His career was cut short when touring with the Jewish Strassburger family as the Circus Mikenie in Belgium when bombs began falling around their hotel.

Son Tommy, of Woodall Street, Cradley Heath, said: "He managed to escape from Ostend on one of the very last sailings with his brother Johnny, a lion tamer and rider, and sister Cissie, a lion, dog and horse trainer. He had to lose his best horse, though. He was that angry when he got back that they'd had to leave the best horses, he enlisted."

James served in the Royal Air Force for six-and- a-half years, making his way up the ranks to sergeant during service in Palestine, Crete, Italy and Greece.

After they were demobbed, brothers James and Johnny teamed up again in 1946 with Major Russell's Continental Express Circus. The tapes recall that a year later, James married Yolanda Truzzi, making his father-in-law William Truzzi, former director of the Russian State Circus. Yolanda, whose father had a state funeral and whose ornate Russian grave features lion statues, had her own footjuggling act.

The mother of Tommy, footjuggler Yolanda Kayes in the 1930s

As James and Johnny's reputation as great bareback horse riders and performers grew, they set up their own Kayes Brothers' Circus from 1948-1957, working in England and Ireland. James then moved into the fairground world.

He would return to the sawdust ring in the 1980s in a pink tailcoat and top hat as ringmaster for Robert Brothers' circus at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. "They knew his reputation and asked him to come out of retirement," Tommy added.

In 2001 James received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The World's Fair. He died in 2004, aged 86.

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Nellie Hunt celebrates her birthday with, back from left, Chris Jinks, Catherine Sharp, Ron Sharp, Robert Sharp and Anita Sharp and, front, Norman Hunt and wife Valerie

Nellie Hunt on an AJS motorcycle in 1930 when she was about 19 years old

Nellie Hunt with her husband Leonard on holiday in Eastbourne in 1958. Sadly, Mr Hunt died 25 years ago

Birthday joy for great-great-granny Nellie

IT was cheers all round as former Great Barr resident Nellie Hunt celebrated her 100th birthday with her family.

Staff at The Woodlands Care Home in Wollaston, Stourbridge, staged a surprise party for Mrs Hunt, who has lived there for 13 years.

Her son Norman, two grandsons, Robert and Glenn, and great-granddaughter Catherine all turned out to enjoy a glass of fizz and some cake. The former shop worker from Birmingham, grew up in Brookfields, Winson Green.

Active

Her husband Leonard, who died 25 years ago, painted motorcycles at the New Hudson factory in Summer Hill Street, Birmingham.

When he served with the Royal Engineers during the Second World War, Mrs Hunt went back to her job at a shop selling household products in Brookfields. In later life she moved to Great Barr but would travel to see family in Stourbridge.

Her son, Norman, 78, said: "She was always very active and I think that is why she has reached 100. She would ring my wife to meet her in a cafe in Stourbridge.

She had travelled all the way from Great Barr – and she did that until she was at least 86."

Two jailed for 'lowly' roles in copper raid

A GERMAN lorry driver was attacked by a gang of masked hijackers in Smethwick before his trailer carrying £150,000 of copper was towed awayr, a court heard.

The victim was parked up in Smethwick overnight waiting to make a delivery in the morning when a man knocked on his cab door and told him there was a problem with his trailer, which was loaded with 23 tonnes of the valuable metal.

The victim got out to investigate and was set upon by up to six masked men at around 3am on May 19 last year.

The gang stole his keys and drove the lorry away, dumping the trailer at the back of industrial units in Union Road, Oldbury, and abandoning the cab in Powke Lane, Cradley Heath.

The driver raised the alarm and police found the cab using its tracking device.

Officers found the trailer within hours and as they sat in wait and saw Paul Hitchcroft arrive in a tractor unit just before 7am. He hitched up the trailer before driving off.

Police pulled him over and arrested Hitchcroft, aged 43, of Gleneagles Road, Perton, who was jailed for 15 months on Monday at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Christopher Vasic, aged 28, of Grafton Road, West Bromwich, was also arrested after arriving at 6am to act as a lookout.

He was given 18 months as he had previous convictions for robbery and handling stolen goods.

Lapse

Both admitted handling stolen goods. The prosecution accepted they had no involvement in the actual robbery whose perpetrators have never been caught.

Hitchcroft was the £20,000-a-year operations manager at Bilston-based Midland Tyre Control. His lawyer said his involvement was an "isolated and out-of-character lapse in judgment".

Vasic, who was due to start work as a window fitter this week, was a "lowly foot soldier" and did not know about the violence used against the driver, the court was told.

Warley court watch

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Mark Williams, aged 36, of Kenilworth Close, Tipton: Fined £690 with £250 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Vauxhall Zafira on the Red Lion pub car park, Park Lane West, Tipton, while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol.

David Elms, aged 56, of Mansion Crescent, Smethwick: Fined £100 with £85 costs, to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 17 months for driving a Mitsubishi Pajero in High Street, Smethwick, while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol.

Marek Patryk Kasperowicz, aged 31, of Walter Street, West Bromwich: Given a three year conditional discharge and to pay £85 costs for having had with him in a public place, High Street, West Bromwich, an offensive weapon, a canister of CS gas, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

Faisal Hildid Hassan, aged 45, of Bideford Road, Smethwick: Fined £50 with £350 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed four points on licence for driving a Toyota Avensis in Thomas Street without due care and attention.

Naushad Miah, aged 18, of Chantry Road, Handsworth: Given a 12 month community order, 150 hours unpaid work, to pay £300 compensation, £85 costs and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Ford Focus in Lightwoods Road without a licence or insurance, without due care and attention, and for failing to stop after being involved in an accident in which another person was injured

Scott Anthony McDonald, aged 27, of Windmill Crescent, West Bromwich: Jailed for 24 weeks and given a two year restraining order for assault.

Christopher Bin-Mukendi, aged 39, of Grosvenor Road, Aston: Fined £200 with £150 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Nissan Primera in Bull Street without a licence or insurance and without due care and attention.

Nathan Barrington Mathurin (alias: Nathan Mathurin), aged 29, of Brandley Field Way, Tipton: Given a 12 month suspended sentence and to pay £50 compensation for assaulting by beating and for assaulting a police constable.

Khiem Dinh Vu, aged 46, of Greswold Street, West Bromwich: Fined £100 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Volkswagen Passat on West Bromwich Ringway without a licence or insurance, and for failing without reasonable excuse to provide a specimen or specimens for a breathalyser test in the course of an investigation into whether he had committed an offence.

Gurminder Dale, aged 23, of Lower City Road, Tividale: Fined £100 with £100 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for failing to give information to the police relating to the identification of the driver of a vehicle who was alleged to have been guilty of an offence.

Have a say on plans

BUSINESSES and members of the public can have their say on plans for the future regeneration of the Grove Lane area of Smethwick. They will be able give their views from Monday, May 16.

The redevelopment area takes in a 19 hectare site between Grove Lane, Cranford Street/Heath Street and Dugdale Street.

Cabinet member for jobs and economy Councillor Ian Jones said: "The redevelopment of the site is a key component of the council's proposals for Smethwick. Planning permission for the new acute hospital was granted in October 2008 on land between Grove Lane, Heath Street and London Street. The provision of the new hospital in this location will greatly assist in the regeneration of this part of Sandwell."

Since the hospital will take up 6.5 hectares, the remainder can accommodate employment or residential uses. Draft documents of the proposals will be available to view at Smethwick Library, Smethwick Council House, the Council House at Oldbury, Development House at West Bromwich and at www.sandwell.gov.uk.

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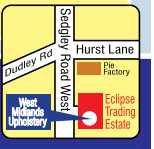

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Keith Cashmore, aged 66, Derek Lawley, 75, Ron Cross, 78 , Ashley Downing, 12, Jack Hodgkins, 78 and, kneeling, John Lawley, 70, enjoying their sport

Sports club with appeal across the generations

WHETHER its playing darts, bowls or dominoes, Greets Green Sports and Social club members are in a league of their own.

The busy social club, in Whitehall Road, West Bromwich, boasts teams across a hots of sports.

The building, a former Liberal Club dates back to 1911. It became the Greets Green club in the early 1960s.

In the bowls team itself, members include 12-year-old Ashley Downing with others in their 70s and 80s.

Greets Green Bowling Club has teams playing in Bilston and Oldbury leagues.

The teams are mixed and include all age ranges.

They play their games on the the bowling green in Farley Park, also on Whitehall Road, behind the Sons of Rest building.

"We have some really good teams which have won a lot over the years and there are plenty of trophies to show for it," said club manager Sue Downing .

Sue's son Ashley, a George Salters High School pupil, has just started playing this season for the club's bowls B Team.

Busy

"He really enjoys it and has fitted in with everyone. It's good having the teams because it really brings people together – there is a great family atmosphere," said Mrs Downing, of Dunkirk Avenue, West Bromwich.

Mrs Downing, aged 46, has been going to the social club for the past six years with her husband Leonard.

But after first becoming involved with the cafe she took over the stewarding of the club around four months ago.

She says the club is busy every night with the varied social scene on offer to visitors.

As well as bowls, the club have darts, cribs and dominoes teams. The club also does weekly line dancing, quizzes and bingo games.

The club operates a non-membership policy to entice the next generation of visitors through its doors.

A cafe opened in the main building two years ago to make the most of daytime trade before the club opened from 5pm each night.

Guests have use of a lounge bar and function room with some outdoor seating.

"The bowls team play most days a week throughout the summer and they are a really great bunch," Mrs Downing added.

Meet the authors

FROM the Queen of Teens to romantic novelists – there is something for everyone to enjoy during a celebration of reading in Sandwell.

For the seventh year running libraries throughout the Black Country are hosting events for adults and children during May to show that reading is fun.

Sandwell's programme launches with author Cathy Cassidy, one of the most popular authors with teenaged girls, presenting Cherry Crush, the first book in The Chocolate Box Girls series at the Central Library in West Bromwich, on Saturday, from 11.30am to 12.30pm. She will meet fans and be available to sign copies.

Anecdotes

Romantic novelist and local author Miranda Dickinson visits Thimblemill Library in Smethwick, on Wednesday, May 18, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. She is the bestselling author of Fairytale of New York, a comedy that's been shortlisted for the Romantic Novel of the Year Award. Book a place on (0121) 429 2039.

Retired constable Bryan Conner visits the new Oldbury Library on Thursday, May 19, from 2.30 to 3.30pm. His book Voices from a Blue Box – Tales from a Black Country Copper is a collection of anecdotes from his 30 year career.

Historical fiction author Judith Allnatt visits Great Barr Library on May 26, from 2 to 3pm, to talk about her novel, The Poet's Wife.

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FAMILIES who have received life-saving help from Birmingham Children's Hospital took their place alongside 10,000 walkers in this year's BRMB Walkathon. The 26, 13 or seven-mile walk around Birmingham, on Sunday, was held to raise funds for the hospital's Emergency Department. The final total has yet to be announced but staff from the hospital said they were hopeful of raising £500,000.

A CHARITY in West Bromwich is hoping to sign up new volunteers for its shop in Queens Square.

The Sue Ryder shop needs people to help with day-to-day running of the store.

Assistant manager Julie Saunders said: "We hope to find volunteers such as retired people or mums with children at school. We will take people with experience or without and offer full training."

The shop is open Monday to Saturday and hours for volunteers are flexible. For more information call (0121) 525 2248.

A PHARMACY in West Bromwich is offering help and advice to asthma sufferers as part of National Asthma Week.

The campaign takes place this week (and Carters Green Pharmacy, based just off High Street, is running in-store inhaler demonstrations.

Pharmacist Hiren Patel said: "We're urging sufferers to pop in for help during the week if they're unsure of how to use their inhaler or just want reassurance that they're using it correctly."

According to Asthma UK three people die every day in UK as a result of an asthma attack, which is avoidable should the right advice be given and guidelines followed.

A PLANT sale is being held at a Great Barr church on Saturday (14).

St Margaret's Parish Church on Chapel Lane hosts the sale from 10am-12.30pm. A selection of bedding plants will be on sale, as well as refreshments, in aid of church repairs.

Emma Hadlington, from visitor services at Sandwell Valley Park, looks forward to Sunday evening's Spring Walk at the park

Walk in the valley

SANDWELL Valley Park is hosting a one-off evening walk that will put a spring in the steps of people across the borough.

The annual spring event, led by John Stokes, will start from the reception of the park, on Salters Lane, on Sunday May 15, from 6.30pm until dark.

Visitors will be on the lookout for plants, birds, mammals and amphibians, before using the latest bat detecting technology to discover the night time creatures.

Admission is free but walkers will need to book their place by calling (0121) 553 0220.

Man spared jail after attack in pub toilets

A FATHER who attacked a customer in the toilets of a Tipton pub has been spared jail.

Warley magistrates heard that Robert Frank Evans, aged 27, of Cotterills Road, Tipton, was drinking in the Court House pub, in Lower Church Lane, on January 14 when he blew a kiss at fellow customer Colin Troy. The court heard Mr Troy reacted angrily and swore at Evans.

Miss Maxine Jarrousse, prosecuting, said: "Mr Troy made his way to the toilets and was standing at the urinal when he was pushed in the back with some force."

The court heard that Evans punched Mr Troy in the face. before being restrained by another customer.

Mr Troy suffered a five centimetre cut above his left eye as well as swelling and bruising.

Magistrates sentenced Evans to 12 weeks custody, which was suspended for 12 months.

He was also ordered to undertake 100 hours unpaid work and to pay £200 compensation and £220 costs.

Rider inquest adjourned

AN inquest has been opened on a father who died a week after he was injured in a hit-and-run crash in the Black Country.

Motorcyclist David Rudge, aged 57, was travelling along Portway Road in Oldbury on April 9 when his motorbike was involved in a crash with a black X-type Jaguar. He died a week later in hospital.

Coroner Robin Balmain opened and adjourned the inquest at Smethwick Coroners Court.

He said Mr Rudge, of Hawfield Road, Tipton, died in Sandwell Hospital on April 17 of a pulmonary embolism – a blockage of the main artery of the lung – following a deep vein thrombosis.

"It is likely there was a link between that and the collision," said Mr Balmain.

Fractured

Mr Rudge, who worked at Metal Sections in Oldbury for more than 20 years, was on his 750cc Yamaha Virago on his way to start his 6am shift when he was involved in a collision.

Mr Balmain said: "Police reports say he saw some headlights coming towards him and that vehicle veered on to his side of the road, collided with him and didn't stop."

Mr Rudge had suffered a fractured ankle and femur but was discharged from hospital on April 14.

A 46-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, and failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

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CD reviews

Small Talk - Twenty Twenty (Geffen)
A throw back to the days of Busted and McFly (when they still had puppy fat). This is boys with guitars power pop, lots of woh-oh choruses and riffs they may have borrowed off an old Cheap Trick album. These East Anglian lads have been to Wolverhampton a couple of times recently (supporting The Saturdays and The Wanted) and judging by their reception at the latter gig, their time may have come. Love's A Freak sounds like a certain hit.

Mirrorwriting - Jamie Woon (Arista)
Woozy R&B with spacey dubstep tendencies from a singer-songwriter from London. Akin to that other dubstepper turned singer-songwriter James Blake but Woon's songs are less minimalist. Songs like Night Air, Lady Luck and Middle having a strong pop appeal enhanced by the amospheric electronics. Woon will be in concert at Birmingham HMV Institute on June 6.

Outside Looking In - Delta Maid (Geffen)
Hailing from Merseyside but sounding more Mississippi, Delta Maid has a voice as crystal clear as a mountain spring and writes perfectly decent bluesy country songs. Vocally she recalls the likes of Dolly Parton and Tammy Wynette, which is pretty good company, but has a modern approach to her songs that has seen her support the likes of Seth Lakeman and Ray LaMontagne. This is a solid and likeable debut album.

Cat's Eyes (Polydor).
Canadian singer Rachel Zeffira and Faris Badwan, lead singer of British rockers The Horrors, bonded over a shared love of 1960s girl groups, such as The Shangri-Las, and the result is this highly atmospheric semi-homage to the echoey, whispered, big beat sounds of the 60s. They come across as a kind of Goth Sonny and Cher with nods to Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazelwood, Marianne Faithful, Nick Cave, Goldfrapp, Saint Etienne and Phil Spector's entire output. I imagine they would have a permanent residency in the town of Twin Peaks.

Power pop boys Twenty Twenty – their time may have come

Destroyed - Moby (EMI).
Globetrotting synth master Moby apparently wrote these songs on his laptop in hotel bedrooms during bouts of insomnia caused by time zone body clock confusion, and finished them off in his Manhattan studio. The results are synthetic symphonies with surging melodies, a perfect soundtrack for the kind of deserted sodium-lit cityscapes that the bleary-eyed Moby must have seen from his window at 3am. Moby sings on a couple of tracks, guest female vocalists on others and some are pure instrumentals. In atmosphere and style Destroyed also owes something to Kraftwerk's classic Neon Lights and Bowie's Low album. The finest moment is the track Stella Maris with its cathedral air of heavenly floating vocals.

Vices & Virtues - Panic! at the Disco (Fuelledbyramen)
The American rockers overcome a radical line-up revamp to bounce back with a confident and rather likeable brash pop-rock album, somewhat akin to their fellow Las Vegans The Killers. Stand out tracks include The Ballad of Mona Lisa, Hurricane and the distinctly A-ha-like Memories.

Free - Twin Atlantic (Red Bull)
Howling guitars from a hard-riffing Glaswegian outfit with a definite Celtic feel to their Tartan Foo Fighters-like attack, crafted by ace producer Gil Norton. This, their first full album, could be the start of something big.

Toy Horses (Albino)
A step-dad/step-son duo from Wales who used Myspace to gain attention for their songs, picking up radio airplay and being flown over to America to record this debut album with ex-Wilco member Ken Croomer, who was won over by the songs on their Myspace page. Toy Horses are 21-year-old Adam D Franklin and his step-father 40-year-old Tom Williams. When they play together there is no sign of a generation gap and they do have a knack for a catchy song with a Ray Davies feel to their folk-flavoured semi-acoustic pop numbers.

A Little Brighter - Pete Lawrie (Island)
A young Welshman from Liverpool, Lawrie has a pleasantly husky voice and a clutch of good songs that reveal his influences – Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen, Elbow – whilst remaining original. A Little Brighter is just missing that stand-out song to propel him into the forefront but Half As Good and the hazy Paper Thin come close.

The Sound of Sunshine - Michael Franti and Spearhead (Capital)
As you may expect, given the title, these are summery sounds, reggae hybrids with pop and hip hop and even, on probable hit I'll Be Waiting, stadium rock in a U2 mode.

Leon Burakowski

Hard-riffing Twin Altlantic – their first album could be the start of something big

Games reviews

Operation Flashpoint: Red River (15, Codemasters)
THE 'War on Terror' moves to Tajikistan, between Afghanistan and China, in this hardcore US military first person shooter from Codemasters.

You play Kirby, leader of a four man contingent of US Marines. Your boots are dropped on the ground and then you have to use your wits in a guerilla war with insurgents. But things really hot up when the Chinese Army get involved.

This isn't for casual thrill-seekers. Missions are long and multi-stage with enemies often engaged at a distance (keep that sniper rifle handy). The pace is slow a build-up with sudden bursts of action, which maybe more like real warfare.

The controls take a while to become familiar and as the leader you must remember to keep in close contact with your men.

But it is much more satisfying to lead a successful team mission than running around firing at everything that moves. Online its even more of a challenge, surprisingly cerebral for a shooter . . . this one is for wannabe officers rather than gung-ho grunts.

The graphics are stunning. Tajikistan is realised in dusty mountainous glory. Sometimes you will find yourself squinting into the low sun.

Section 8 Prejudice is a good looking action romp

I do hope Codemasters keep the franchise pure with no silly zombie modes because with this sim you can almost taste the Tajikistan dust.

The certificate is probably not so much for the violence than for the expletive-studded soldier banter. If there was an award for imaginative cussing, this would be a certain winner.

Operation Flashpoint: Red River was reviewed on Xbox 360 and is also available for PS3 and PC.

Section 8 Prejudice (16, TimeGate).
Available to download from XBLA for 1200 points (around a tenner), this is the sequel to the Texan developers' 2009 Section 8 sci-fi shooter that was rather unfairly dismissed by many as a Halo clone.

This is a good looking action romp with you playing a hi-tech super soldier in an Iron Man-like armoured body suit, sky diving onto alien planets to take on those who threaten Earth's colonies.

Equipped with a jetpack and an array of weaponry, plus the ability to lock-on to targets, Prejudice is a blaster's paradise.

The campaign mode with its various missions as the story unfolds can see gamers happily while away the hours.

It's instant success on Live Arcade suggests gamers reckon Prejudice is a pretty good bargain.

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Operation Flashpoint: Red River has stunning graphics but it is not for the casual thrill-seeker, the pace is a slow build-up with sudden bursts of action

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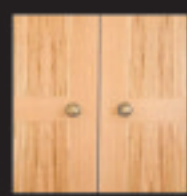

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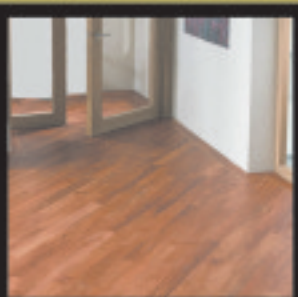

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THE base2stay hotel in Liverpool is a super-cool choice for city trippers, being both stylish and affordable.

At 29 Seal Street in the Ropewalks area of the city centre, the 106-room boutique hotel is in a former derelict print works, recently revamped in a £14 million project.

The hotel is the epitome of urban post-industrial chic with its exposed brick and metal beams and original artworks in the public areas and bedrooms. The main lounge includes a massive modern artwork, designer chairs, free use PC and books about John and Yoko Lennon. Beside the reception is a large video artwork.

If you think this means eye-watering prices, forget it, base2stay stays competitive with a no frills policy which means it has no restaurant and bar. The Liverpudlian at reception tipped me off to where the nearest Tesco was in case I wanted to bring a microwaveable meal or bottle of wine back to the room. You can have takeaways delivered to the hotel and a nearby cafe can deliver breakfast. There are also vending machines.

No frills maybe – but these rooms were well equipped and not just designed for couples. The secret garden suite on the ground floor has access to a decked courtyard with lounger style wooden seating. Inside the split-level double height room was a giant double bed in the upstairs gallery with sofa beds turning into a double and a single downstairs.

These were serviced by a bathroom, additional separate WC and a kitchenette with microwave, coffee machine, kettle, fridge and sink. The room had two flatscreen TVs with internet access and movies on demand for £1.99 a film.

Being in the lively, some might say 'edgy', nightclub area of the city, the windows are triple glazed to eradicate any bass rumble from nearby clubs.

The hotel is reasonably close to Lime Street rail station and there is a secure public car park at the end of the street (discount available for hotel residents).

Base2stay is only a few minutes walk from the city's revamped docks area with its array of museums, restaurants and bars, and even closer to the shopper's paradise of Liverpool One and the Beatles quarter in and around Matthew Street.

The hotel is full for major Merseyside events but check out their website – www.base2stay.com – for special offers and deals. Prices start around £49 per room, and around £149 for the family garden suite.

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Leon Burakowski

What to see and do in Liverpool

Restaurant: The star of the Liverpool foodie scene is restaurant and deli Lunya, on College Street, which has won several accolades as the north-west's best new eatery. Liverpudlian chef Peter Kinsella opened the Catalan restaurant after spending time in Barcelona and he brings an exciting twist to traditional tapas dishes, including Catalan Scouse, a Latin-Liverpool fusion of stew with chorizo. The Iberico ribs in an orange Catalan sauce are divine. See www.lunya.co.uk or call 0151 706 9770.

The Yellow Duckmarine: A unique way to tour the city, trundle around in a Second World War amphibious landing craft and splashdown into Albert Dock for a mini-cruise of the docks. Enjoy the lighthearted commentary from your guide. My favourite of his quips: "We have always been eco-friendly in Liverpool, we've had lead free roofs for years." Call 0151 708 7799 or visit www.theyellowduckmarine.co.uk.

The Beatles Story: A 'must do' for all fans of the Fab Four, at Albert Dock, telling the story from their 1950s childhood to the days of Beatlemania. There's lots of artefacts from John, Paul, George and Ringo, a recreation of The Cavern, a Yellow Submarine, and a shop full of Beatles music and memorabilia.

The Fab 4D movie at The Pier Head, an animated film featuring a few Beatles tunes, is brief, expensive and unimpressive – don't bother. See website www.beatlesstory.com. Visit the new Cavern in Matthew Street, way below street level in the same complex of cellars that housed the original Cavern club, where Beatles tribute bands play and real ale is on tap. Admission is free during the afternoon.

The Maritime Museum: An excellent museum highlighting the city's historic importance as a port with fascinating displays on famous transAtlantic liners, including The Titanic, and Liverpool's significant role in the Second World War, including scary looking bombs that were dropped on the city. Next door is the thought-provoking International Slavery Museum, also free admission.

For art lovers there is modern art at The Tate Gallery at the docks and works by the back-in-vogue pre-Raphaelites at the Walker Art Gallery in William Brown Street. The Walker is free, some visiting exhibitions charge at the Tate.

Coming soon: Near the Pier Head the finishing touches are being put to the impressive modern structure that will host the new Museum of Liverpool, the latest iconic building for Liverpool's waterfront. The new museum promises a close-up view of one of the city's famous Liver Birds. It opens on July 19. For more information on Liverpool's museums see the www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ website.

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Olly proves he's his own man

Olly Murs – the real winner of X Factor 2009

JOE McElderry may have won The X Factor in 2009 but Olly Murs was the real winner.

The Essex lad used the TV singing show to kick start a career that has seen him notch up two hit singles, Please Don't Let Me Go and Thinking Of Me, and a successful self-titled debut album that was only kept off the no1 spot by Take That.

Meanwhile, last month McElderry was dropped by Simon Cowell's record label Syco.

Murs – his family name is Latvian – was dismissed by some as a Will Young or Robbie Williams clone.

But the boy from Braintree has carved a niche with a pop-reggae groove perfect for the recent sunny weather.

Former semi-pro footballer Olly, who also recently raised his profile partnering Chris Moyles on his Radio 1 breakfast show, is in concert at Birmingham's NIA on Sunday.

Olly will be back in the region later this summer to place an outdoor concert with pop diva and The X Factor winner Alexandra Burke at Warwick Castle on July 15.

The pure sound of Secret Sisters

The Secret Sisters whose songs harp back the heydays of country music

SONGS from the country music heydays of the 1940s and 50s are performed by The Secret Sisters, the stage name for Alabama siblings Laura and Lydia Rodgers, who won lots of British fans with their appearance on Jools Holland's Hootenanny last New Years Eve.

Following their support slot for Ray LaMontagne at the Symphony Hall, the sisters return to Birmingham for their own gig, at The Glee Club on Monday.

The Secret Sisters' debut single, a version of Johnny Cash's Big River, was produced by Jack White, of The White Stripes. Their well-received self-titled debut album, produced by the legendary T Bone Burnett, was released in February. Burnett said: "I have been making music for over 40 years and The Secret Sisters album is as close to pure as it gets."

Other forthcoming music gigs at the comedy club in The Arcadian Centre include: Tuesday, Elbow support act Villagers, whose debut album Becoming A Jackal was Mercury Prize shortlisted; May 23, from Leonard Cohen's band The Webb Sisters; and on May 29, Andrea Corr launching her solo album Lifelines.

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The season of song and dance

Tracie Benett as Judy Garland

WORLD class ballet, opera and award-winning West End musicals have been announced in the new season at Birmingham Hippodrome.

The Queen and Ben Elton musical We Will Rock You returns to the Hurst Street theatre this summer.

Other highlights also include the return of Birmingham Royal Ballet's festive favourite The Nutcracker, hit comedy show Calendar Girls and, also by popular demand, the spectacular Slava's Snow Show.

Following its success at the Hippodrome in 2009, West End blockbuster We Will Rock You returns between July 5 and August 13 and will feature a star-studded cast which includes Coronation Street's Ian Reddington, ex-Hear'Say singer Noel Sullivan and former Birmingham Conservatoire student The X Factor's Rhydian Roberts.

A new production of Evita will take to the stage from September 12 to 24. The show is presented by Bill Kenwright by special arrangement with Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful group and will feature Abigail Jaye as Eva Peron, Mark Powell as Che and Les Mis regular Earl Carpenter as Juan Peron.

Blizzard

Slava's Snow Show returns from November 9 to 13. Led by Russian clown Slava Polunin, the cast create a blizzard indoors as part of their spellbinding, surreal show.

Olivier Award-winning actress Tracie Benett has taken the West End by storm as Judy Garland in Peter Quilter's End of The Rainbow, which charts the life of Garland, and comes to Birmingham between October 17 and 22.

In a nod to Billy Wilder's film Some Like It Hot, Some Like It Hip Hop is a comical tale of love, mistaken identity, cross-dressing and gender stereotypes.

The cast includes Tommy Franzen, who starred in So You Think You Can Dance, Blaze and Goldberg and Teneish Bonner, who has appeared in Into the Hoods, Insane in the Brain and StreetDance 3D. It runs between October 11 and 15.

The city's beloved Birmingham Royal Ballet will perform the gothic fairytale Beauty and the Beast between September 28 and October 2, The Nutcracker from November 25 to December 11.

Welsh National Opera make their regular visits to the Hurst Street theatre with Mozart's Don Giovanni, Rossini's The Barber of Seville and Janacek's Katya Kabanova in November.

They are back in March with Verdi's La Traviata, Beatrice & Benedict by Berlioz, and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. Eagerly-awaited highlights for next year include Calendar Girls from January 31 to February 4 and the stage version of hit film Dirty Dancing, which runs from July 4 to August 25 2012.

Before that, panto star Brian Conley returns alongside everyone's favourite TV mum, Lynda Bellingham, in Cinderella over the festive season and into January

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Walking down a naughty Avenue

Racism and dating are some of the subjects that come under the spotlight in the musical Avenue Q with a cast of actors and puppets

NAUGHTY New York musical Avenue Q, which some have described as an X-rated version of The Muppet Show, was a smash hit in London's West End and is coming to Birmingham with a run at the Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, May 17 to 21.

Racism, pornography, sexuality and dating come under the spotlight for a cast that teams the actors up with colourful puppets in this no-holds-barred musical comedy by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx that takes a bite out of the Big Apple.

To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee's classic tale of a struggle against bigotry and racism in 1930s Alabama, is staged at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to the following Saturday.

Christopher Sergel's stage adaptation sees familiar TV actor Duncan Preston swapping Emmerdale for the Deep South as campaigning lawyer Atticus Finch.

Meanwhile, West Bromwich Operatic Society's production of Lionel Bart musical Oliver continues until Saturday at the Grand.

Mind-bending illusionist and showman Derren Brown continues his residency with new show Svengali at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre to May 21.

Black Country Touring productions are back on the road. Instant Wit, a quick-fire comedy improvisation show, comes to George Salter School in West Bromwich this evening (Thursday, 6.30pm).

Laurie Lorry Theatre bring their comedy play Sausage and Samosa, about a lonely woman who takes a crash course in Asian culture in a bid to find love via an arranged marriage, to West Bromwich town centre venue The Public on Friday, May 20.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's new repertoire is now in full swing at their two theatres in Stratford-upon-Avon. Sara Crowe is the haughty Lady Frugal in Dominic Hill's staging of 17th Century romp The City Madam at The Swan, which it shares with Gregory Doran's vision of 'lost' Shakespeare play Cardenio.

The latest Shakespeare blockbuster opens tomorrow (Friday) with Rupert Goold, the Enron director's version of The Merchant of Venice with Sir Patrick Stewart as Shylock.

It will be sharing the Royal Shakespeare Theatre with Michael Boyd's bloody Macbeth with Jonathan Slinger as the wicked, haunted tyrant. All four plays are in repertoire until October.

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EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2011

BBC1, 8.00pm

Graham Norton commentates on the entertainment at the Esprit Arena in Dusseldorf, Germany, as reunited pop band Blue represent the UK in the final of the 56th edition of the competition. Though the group - are optimistic their song I Can will bring the UK its first victory since Katrina and the Waves' 1997 triumph, many experts have tipped operatic tenor Amaury Vassili to scoop the prize for France with his epic ballad Sognu. The host nation has pinned its hopes on last year's winner Lena Meyer-Landrut.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Olympic Dreams. An insight into the life of a road cyclist. **1.30** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **2.15** Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) **3.00** Film: Father of the Bride. (1991) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.40** Don't Scare the Hare. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** So You Think You Can Dance Live. The remaining contestants perform.

6.30 Doctor Who. The Doctor meets an old friend.
7.20 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.
7.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Presented by Jenni Falconer.
8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2011. Graham Norton commentates on the entertainment at the Esprit Arena in Dusseldorf, Germany, as reunited pop band Blue represent the UK in the final of the annual music competition.
11.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
11.35 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United.

12.35 Film: Black Sheep. (2006) Comedy horror, with Nathan Meister, Peter Feeney and Danielle Mason; Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The Spanish Main. (1945) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Paul Henreid. **1.35** Film: Battle Cry. (1955) Second World War drama, starring Van Heflin. **4.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.45** Dad's Army. (R)

6.15 The Comedy Genius of John Sullivan. A tribute to the comedy writer, who died last month. (R)
6.45 Citizen Smith. First episode of the late John Sullivan's 1970s comedy, starring Robert Lindsay. (R)
7.15 The Two Ronnies. Vintage comedy. (R)
8.00 Domesday. Historian Stephen Baxter explores his own theory about the purpose of the Domesday Book – an 11th-century record of land and property ownership in England. (R)
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest hosts John Torode and Gregg Wallace. (R)
9.45 FILM: Blood Diamond. (2006) Premiere. A smuggler helps a fisherman find his missing son in war-torn Sierra Leone, in return for a rare diamond. Action thriller, with Leonardo DiCaprio.

12.00 Later with Jools Holland. (R) **1.05** Film: The Hotel New Hampshire. (1984) Dark comic fantasy, starring Beau Bridges.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Live FA Cup Final. Stoke City v Manchester City (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New Animals Do the Funniest Things. Comical clips and quirky stories from the animal kingdom, including burping sheep and a snowboarding dog.
7.00 Sing If You Can. Chesney Hawkes, Martin Bayfield and Tricia Penrose take on Craig Doyle, Roxanne Pallett and Leanne Jones, with Patsy Palmer as a panellist. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.
9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: John Prescott. The former deputy prime minister discusses his career and personal life.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FA Cup Final Highlights. Stoke City v Manchester City.
11.15 FILM: The Enforcer. (1976) Crime thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.15** Swingtown. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.25** British Formula Ford Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **10.20** T4: Glee. **11.45** T4: Friends. (R) **12.20** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **12.40** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** That Paralympic Show. **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 The Restoration Man. Converting an old coach house in East Sussex. (R)
8.00 The Untold Battle of Britain. A squadron of Polish pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain. (R)
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.
10.20 Stand Up for the Week.
11.10 FILM: Epic Movie. (2007) Fantasy spoof, starring Kal Penn.

12.50 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) **1.45** The Dead Zone. (R) **2.25** The Astronomer's Sun. (R) **2.35** Tomorrow. (R) **2.40** Film: The Cooler. (2003) Drama, starring William H Macy. **4.20** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.20** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne. **2.05** Film: Mystery Woman: In the Shadows. (2007) Crime mystery, starring Kellie Martin. **3.50** Film: Murder 101: College Can Be Murder. (2007) Murder mystery sequel, starring Dick Van Dyke. (R) **5.30** Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris.

7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 NCIS. The team uncovers a case of identity theft. (R)
9.00 CSI: NY. Hawkes is persuaded by his girlfriend Camille to call in sick so he can join her at a food festival, but a stall explodes during the event – exposing his truancy to his colleagues.
10.00 CSI: Miami. A jet skier with a shady past is killed by a piece of slate that later proves to have come from Alexx's own garden, raising suspicions that her son Bryan may be the killer. (R)
11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team tackles four cases in one night. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.15 Film: Apollo 13 (1995) **7.00** Superhuman: Genius **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: Leaving Las Vegas (1995)

ITV3
1.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.00** Lewis **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Kolkata Knight Riders and Mumbai Indians v Deccan Chargers. **8.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **9.00** Film: The Day of the Jackal (1973) **11.55** Film: Get Shorty (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Fearne & Reggie @ R1BW **7.20** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Tinie Tempah & Black Eyed Peas @ R1BW **9.00** Foo Fighters Live @ R1BW **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle **8.00** Julia Bradbury's Iceland Walk **9.00** Film: Tell No One (2006) **11.05** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **11.35** Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
3.40 Make It or Break It **4.40** Friends **5.40** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: The Omen (2006)

FILM4
3.00 The Colditz Story (1954) **4.50** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) **6.50** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) Teen detective adventure, starring Nicholas Rowe. **9.00** The Waterboy (1998) Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler and Fairuza Balk. **10.45** Final Destination 2 (2003)

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PERSPECTIVES: HUGH LAURIE DOWN BY THE RIVER

ITV1, 10.15pm

Documentary following the actor as he visits New Orleans on a journey to investigate the roots of jazz and blues, the genres that inspired his life-long passion for music. As well as exploring the city, Hugh also records his own versions of notable songs and performs with his band in Latrobes in the French Quarter, alongside stars including Allen Toussaint, Tom Jones and Irma Thomas.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.55** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Bargain Hunt. **3.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.20** Regional Programme. **4.50** Lifeline. **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 **Land Girls.** (R)
7.00 **Countryfile.** Highlights from the programme's visits to Britain's islands.
8.00 **FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.** (2003) A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Adventure, starring Johnny Depp.
10.10 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
10.35 **Meet the Multiples.** Documentary focusing on the experience of bringing up twins, triplets and quadruplets, which has become more common in Britain in the past 10 years.
11.35 **FILM: The Night Listener.** (2006) Mystery thriller, starring Robin Williams and Rory Culkin; Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **1.55** MasterChef. (R) **2.55** Holby City. (R) **3.55** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Live Athletics. The Great Manchester Run. **12.00** World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent presents a look at preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games. **12.30** Live MotoGP. The French Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Swimming. The Great Salford Swim. **3.30** Live Athletics. The Great CityGames Manchester. **5.05** Film: McLintock! (1963) Comedy Western, starring John Wayne.

7.10 **Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections.** The design secrets of Formula One cars.
8.00 **Britain's Secret Seas.** The team visits a gannet colony in the Firth of Forth, Tooni Mahto investigates bottlenose dolphins and Paul Rose meets Navy divers clearing unexploded bombs from Cape Wrath.
9.00 **Operation Crossbow.** The story of Second World War technicians who used 3D photographs taken by Spitfire pilots to map enemy territory, exposing Hitler's most dangerous secrets in the process.
10.00 **Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Chelsea v Newcastle United.
11.20 **The Shadow Line.** (R)

12.20 Film: On a Clear Day. (2005) Drama, starring Peter Mullan. **1.55** BBC News. **4.00** The Super League Show. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing If You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Dead Weight. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.10** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore, Barbara Bach and Richard Kiel.

6.30 **Regional Programmes.**
6.45 **ITV News; Weather.**
7.00 **The Cube.** A hairdresser and a man from Berwick, Northumberland, take up the challenge.
8.00 **Vera.** A murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland takes DCI Vera Stanhope back to a place full of childhood memories and reminds her of an unsolved case from earlier in her career.
10.00 **ITV News at Ten; Weather.**
10.15 **Perspectives: Hugh Laurie Down by the River.** The actor explores jazz and blues in New Orleans.
11.15 **Surgery School.** The trainees face assessments as the first year comes to a close. Last in the series. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.55** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Grid. **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.25** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **7.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **10.15** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **10.35** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.10** T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. **11.30** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.25** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **3.30** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. **5.30** Time Team. (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
6.55 **4thought.tv.**
7.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Four dinner-party hosts do battle in Exeter.
8.00 **The Hotel.** Wayne and his staff deal with stinging criticism from guests.
9.00 **FILM: Die Hard 4.0.** (2007) Tough cop John McClane goes on the trail of a criminal mastermind plotting a technological terror attack on America. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Timothy Olyphant.
11.30 **FILM: The Business.** (2005) Comedy drama, starring Danny Dyer.

1.15 The Dead Zone. (R) **2.00** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **2.55** Hill Street Blues. (R) **3.45** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **4.45** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Milkshake! Music Box. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Family Food Fight. (R) **10.30** OK! TV Sunday. **11.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.30** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) **1.30** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **2.35** Film: Gunsmoke. (1953) **4.10** 5 News Weekend. **4.20** Film: Are We Done Yet? (2007)

6.05 **FILM: Zathura: A Space Adventure.** (2005) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson.
8.10 **FILM: Practical Magic.** (1998) Fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock.
10.00 **The Walking Dead.**
11.05 **FILM: House on Haunted Hill.** (1999) Horror remake, starring Geoffrey Rush.

12.50 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **4.10** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.15 Film: Apollo 13 (1995) **6.00** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Animals Do the Funniest Things **8.00** Kerry Katona **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** Film: Waterworld (1995)

ITV3
2.00 Inspector Morse **4.05** Film: Summer Holiday (1963) **6.15** Mr Bean **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **10.00** Barbara Windsor Uncut **11.40** Film: Lorenzo's Oil (1992)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Delhi Daredevils and Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **10.00** Live Cycling. The Tour of California.

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Lady Gaga: The Build Up @ R1BW **9.00** Lady Gaga Live @ R1BW **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** Shanties and Sea Songs with Gareth Malone **10.00** The History of Safari with Richard E Grant **11.30** Bee Gees: In Our Own Time

E4
3.05 Make It or Break It **4.10** Film: Black Knight (2001) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **7.55** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) **4.35** Planet of the Apes (1968) **6.50** Night at the Museum (2006) **9.00** Don't Say a Word (2001) **11.10** Scary Movie (2000)

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The king of curry promotions is back by popular demand and this time we've teamed up with the British Curry Club. That's right... the 2 for 1 curry is here again to satisfy the real men of the UK and Ireland. It's still as simple as ever to sink your teeth into.
Step 1: Find a 241 voucher in your McCoys crisp packet
Step 2: Make sure you call ahead and grab your table... don't forget to mention your 2 for 1 pack!
Step 3: Take your promotional pack with you on the night
Step 4: Make sure you slip the waiter your promotional pack as you arrive
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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Track My Trash: Panorama. **9.00** The Street That Cut Everything. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Street That Cut Everything. **11.05** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **11.50** Film: Churchill: The Hollywood Years. (2004) Comedy, starring Christian Slater; Weatherview. **1.15** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.15** Arena: Produced by George Martin. (R) **3.45** MasterChef. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Story of Ireland. **8.00** Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. **9.00** Children's Craniofacial Surgery. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) **12.10** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Strangeways. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: A Perfect Murder. (1998) Thriller, with Michael Douglas. **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** UEFA Champions League Weekly. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **4.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.05** Water Stories. (R) **1.10** Film: Very Important Person. (1961) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Dispatches: The Truth About Going Under the Knife. **9.00** Gordon's Great Escape. **10.00** Film: The Sixth Sense. (1999) Supernatural thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **12.05** The Event. **1.05** Poker. **2.00** The Dead Zone. (R) **2.45** The Moonbird. (R) **3.00** Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World. (R) **4.00** Saxon Gold: Finding the Hoard. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Hill Street Blues. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.10** Film: Returning Lily. (2003) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It? **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Hotel Inspector. **10.00** There's Something About Josie. **11.00** Film: Evil Woman. (2001) Comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Jack Black. **12.55** Rough Guide To. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Crimewatch. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Crimewatch Update. **10.45** See You in Court. **11.15** The Lock Up. (R) **11.45** The Football League Show; Weatherview. **12.50** Sign Zone: The Prison Restaurant. (R) **1.40** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) **2.40** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **3.10** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **3.40** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **12.00** The Queen in Ireland: BBC News Special. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Britain's Secret Seas. (R) **8.00** Britain's Next Big Thing. **9.00** The Country House Revealed. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Operation Crossbow. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.30** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Military Driving School. **8.00** Countrywise. **9.00** Home Is Where the Heart Is. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: The Pelican Brief. (1993) Legal thriller, starring Julia Roberts. **1.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.10** Crossing Jordan. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.05** Water Stories. (R) **1.10** Film: Very Important Person. (1961) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** The Secret Millionaire. **10.00** Jamie's Food Revolution Hits Hollywood. **11.05** Misfits. **12.10** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.10** Freesports on 4. (R) **1.40** The Grid. (R) **2.05** British Formula Ford Championship. (R) **2.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.00** AVP Beach Volleyball. (R) **3.55** Catching the Impossible. (R) **4.45** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Body Building. (R) **4.50** Full Metal Challenge. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: Always and Forever. (2008) Romantic drama, with Rena Sofer and Dean McDermott. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Highland Emergency; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Supersize Grime; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Waterloo Road; BBC News; Regional News. **8.30** Life of Riley. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Not Going Out. (R) **11.15** Film: Prime. (2005) Romantic comedy, with Uma Thurman and Bryan Greenberg; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.30** Watchdog. (R) **2.30** Country Tracks. (R) **3.25** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Lifeline. (R) **1.40** Coast. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **8.00** Two Greedy Italians. **9.00** Wonderland – A Hasidic Guide to Love, Marriage and Finding a Bride. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired! **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. **11.50** Film: Citizen Ruth. (1996) Black comedy, starring Laura Dern. **1.30** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Poms in Paradise. **8.00** The British Soap Awards 2011. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Cops with Cameras. (R) **11.35** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: Hello, Dolly! (1969) Period musical, starring Barbra Streisand. **5.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.10** Proud Parents. (R) **1.20** Film: Dark Command. (1940) Civil War-era Western, starring John Wayne. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. **8.30** Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. **12.05** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **12.20** Music on 4: 4Play: Phoenix Foundation. **12.40** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. (R) **12.50** Film: Against the Ropes. (2004) **2.45** The Dead Zone. (R) **3.30** Barbarians. (R) **4.25** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **3.15** Film: McBride: The Chameleon Murder. (2005) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.15** Live UEFA Europa League Football. **10.00** Film: Hollow Man. (2000) **12.15** Poker: Aussie Millions. **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** Inside the Human Body. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week; Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Track My Trash: Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Neighbourhood Watched. (R) **3.40** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.05** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Culture Show. **8.00** Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. **9.00** The Shadow Line. **10.00** Psychoville 2. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Review Show. **12.05** Children's Craniofacial Surgery. (R) **1.05** The Culture Show. (R) **2.05** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The True Cost of a Car: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: John Prescott. (R) **11.35** The Late Debate. **12.05** Grimefighters. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** The True Cost of a Car: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.00** 3 Minute Wonder: Good to Know. (R) **1.05** Film: The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw. (1958) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Three in a Bed. **9.00** Hunting Britain's Most Wanted. **10.00** Comedy Gala: Best Bits. **11.05** The Secret Millionaire. (R) **12.10** Music on 4: JD Set Presents. (R) **12.25** Music on 4: 4Play: Mona. **12.40** Music on 4: 4Play: Grinderman. **12.55** The Model Agency. (R) **1.50** Dispatches: The Truth About Going Under the Knife. (R) **2.45** Unreported World. (R) **3.10** Barbarians. (R) **4.10** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.10** Film: Secrets of an Undercover Wife. (2007) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Rough Guide to Mediterranean Islands. (R) **8.00** Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. **10.00** Impossible? **11.05** Banged Up Abroad. **12.05** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** Colin and Justin's How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** Outnumbered. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** Film: Ransom. (1996) Thriller remake, starring Mel Gibson. **1.25** The One Show; (R) Weatherview. **2.30** Sign Zone: Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **3.30** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.35** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. (R) **5.15** Show Me the Monet. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Windfarm Wars. **8.00** Petworth House – The Big Spring Clean. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Dirk Gently. **10.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show; Weather. **11.50** Later with Jools Holland. **12.55** Film: The Wave. (2008) Premiere. Drama, with Jurgen Vogel. **2.35** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Baboons with Bill Bailey. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Paul O'Grady Live. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Cube. (R) **11.35** Take Me Out. (R) **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) **9.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Every Day. (R) **1.05** 3 Minute Wonder: Good to Know. (R) **1.10** Icons. (R) **1.25** Film: Dragoon Wells Massacre. (1957) Western, starring Barry Sullivan and Dennis O'Keefe. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.30** Unreported World. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. **10.25** That Peter Kay Thing. (R) **10.55** PhoneShop. **11.30** The Ricky Gervais Show. **12.00** Comedy Gala: Best Bits. (R) **1.05** Music on 4: Foo Fighters: A New Light. (R) **1.30** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.15** Ugly Betty. (R) **3.05** Barbarians. (R) **4.05** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Warship. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: Seventeen and Missing. (2006) Thriller, starring Dedee Pfeiffer. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Fifth Gear; 5 News Update. **8.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** Law & Order. **11.00** The Walking Dead. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.05** Motorsport Mundial. **4.30** Fifth Gear. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

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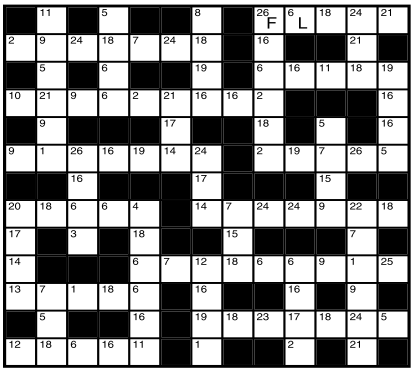

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Take what is suitable? (11)
9. Disentangle one French composer (7)
10. Lawless law (5)
11. It is in fact a long claw (5)
12. Shoots something to eat (7)
13. I've now become available for inspection (2,4)
15. Hostilities cut capital (6)
18. Sing in French first to delight (7)
20. After getting bail somehow, I find an excuse (5)
22. It often does in periods of depression (5)
23. He tells you whose turn is next (7)
24. Sports clubs dances hard hit by rackets perhaps (6,5)

Down

2. There's a risk in being a card-sharer I'll be bound! (5)
3. Be sorry about unrising income (7)
4. Smooth tongue? (6)
5. He won't do much to earn his reputation (5)
6. Mouth-organs? (7)
7. They will have lots to offer (11)
8. Is he found in literary haunts? (5,6)
14. Inject a cubic-centimetre into a climbing plant as a safeguard (7)
16. It may make people turn pale (7)
17. Old punishments may still provide interest (6)
19. Crime of one who satisfied a burning desire? (5)
21. I have timber that's perfect (5)

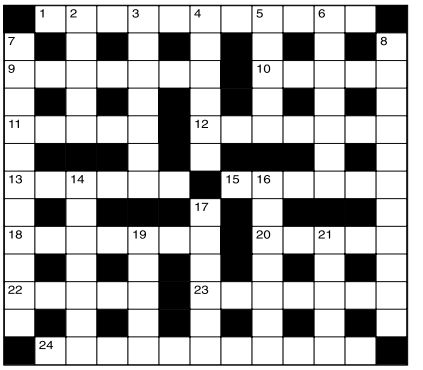
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Stage make-up (6-5)
9. Set apart (7)
10. Hurl (5)
11. Doomed (5)
12. Refuse (7)
13. Mourn (6)
15. Dormant (6)
18. Public transport (7)
20. A fish (5)
22. Additional (5)
23. Unyielding (7)
24. Shakespeare play (2,3,4,2)

Down

2. Perch (5)
3. Desert (7)
4. Vigour (6)
5. Change (5)
6. Relate (7)
7. Paris landmark (6,5)
8. Yam (5,6)
14. Summary of business (7)
16. A reverse (3-4)
17. Attack (6)
19. A spree (5)
21. Giraffe-like animal (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Malinger; 5 Asia; 9 Emit; 10 Athletic; 11 Snarl; 12 Rankles; 13 Press fastener; 18 Sporting; 19 Peep; 20 Epicure; 21 Awash; 22 Site; 23 Stirrups. Down: 2 Almoner; 3 Interns; 4 Entertainment; 6 Set plan 7 Accuser; 8 Planet; 13 Possess; 14 Egotist; 15 Set out; 16 Empower; 17 Evens up. QUICK - Across: 1 Actually; 5 Epic; 9 Poor; 10 Disagree; 11 Lunge; 12 Unction; 13 Sentimentally; 18 Dramatic; 19 Tube; 20 Edifice; 21 Snare; 22 Sage; 23 Assemble. Down: 2 Closure; 3 Upright; 4 Leisureliness; 6 Partial; 7 Cleanly; 8 Lancet; 13 Sadness; 14 Nearing; 15 Italic; 16 Antonym; 17 Liberal.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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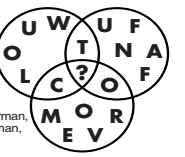
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is M. Superman, Iron Man, Batwoman, all superheroes.

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Cyndi set to show 'true colors' with Brum date

NATIVE New Yorker Cyndi Lauper, who lit up the 80s with her big pop hit Girls Just Want To Have Fun and the ballads Time After Time and True Colors, is back on the road some 30 years since her first major record deal.

The 57-year-old mum of one, pictured left, scored another number one just last year when her Memphis Blues album won a Grammy and was rated best blues album of the year.

She will be in concert at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on June 26.

Tickets cost £30 or £33.50. Call 0121 780 3333 or visit www.thsh.co.uk.

Object of desire – Dan Birch as Sloane (centre) with Guy Radforth as Ed and Shelly Campbell as his sister Kath

Sloane rangers

OLDBURY Rep perform Joe Orton's black comedy Entertaining Mr Sloane at the Barlow Theatre in Langley nightly to Saturday, May 14.

There is lust and murder when a middle aged woman and her brother take a shine to the same young lodger, each devising their own plan for Ed Sloane.

This play from the dark side of the swinging 1960s is staged at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained from the theatre box office (0121 552 2761) from 7pm on each night of the production. Tickets are priced £7.50 (concessions £6.50).

A PLAY for all the family that has seen theatre companies from England, Korea and Japan working together is coming to Wolverhampton on tour.

Looking For Yoghurt sees young Norang follow a cat onto a building site, to find herself in an enchanted world, in this multi-cultural production, suitable for those aged six and over. It is staged today (Thursday) and tomorrow at Newhampton Arts Centre, 1.30 and 7.30pm (May 12), 10.30am and 1.30pm (May 13). Call 01902 572090. It is a Birmingham Rep co-production

Seeing Starrs with Ringo

By Leon Burakowski

RINGO Starr's music, as a solo artist and as a Beatle, is permeated by his personality, his warmth and humour.

As well as being drummer with the biggest band ever, he has, in his own right, created classic songs such as It Don't Come Easy, With A Little Help From My Friends, Yellow Submarine, Don't Pass Me By, Octopus' Garden, You're Sixteen (You're Beautiful And You're Mine).

In what is one of Ringo's first gigs in the city since he played with the Fab Four at Birmingham Odeon circa 1965, he brings his All Starr Band for a concert at the Symphony Hall on June 20, one of only six UK dates as part of his world tour.

Based on the concept that everybody on stage is a star in their own right, each concert sees Ringo performing songs from his solo and Beatles' career and each band member performing hits from their own careers. Over the years the revolving line up has included such stellar artists as Joe Walsh, Dr John, Todd Rundgren, Timothy B. Schmidt, John Entwistle, Peter Frampton, Sheila E., Rod Argent and Paul Carrack.

Returning to the stage for the 2011 tour are the six All Starr band members who toured with Ringo in 2010.

These include:Top rock guitarist Rick Deringer, who was just 17 when his band The McCoys recorded the No1 hit Hang On Sloopy in the summer of 1965, knocking Yesterday by The Beatles from the top spot. He later played with both Edgar Winter and Johnny Winter and found further success with his hit single Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo and with his eponymous band Derringer. Throughout the 70s and 80s he appeared on numerous albums with artists Alice Cooper, Richie Havens, Todd Rundgren, Cyndi Lauper, Barbra Streisand, Kiss and Steely Dan.

Ringo Starr – at Symphony Hall with the All Starr Band

American Richard Page is best known as the singer/bassist for the multi-platinum, Grammy nominated group Mr. Mister. The band released three albums and had several world-wide hits, including 'Broken Wings' and 'Kyrie'. They split in 1990. Page has recorded two solo albums, 'Shelter Me' and 'Peculiar Life', as well as providing backing vocals for artists such as Elton John, Michael Jackson, Madonna, Streisand and Elvis Costello among many more. As a songwriter Page has had songs recorded by Madonna, Leona Lewis, Josh Groban, Celine Dion and Hall & Oates to name just a few.

Lead singer with the All Starr Band Wally Palmar, harmonica and rhythm guitar player, was a founding member of The Romantics. The group's self-titled debut album yielded the hit What I Like About You. Other singles included 'When I Look In Your Eyes', 'One in a Million', and the international hit 'Talking In Your Sleep'. Never content to simply rest on his red-leathered laurels, Palmar continues to write, record and tour around the world with The Romantics.

Edgar Winter is an accomplished jazz, rock and blues keyboard player and saxophonist as well as a vocalist who first found success in the early 70s. Edgar has worked with Rick Deringer and Ronnie Montrose as well as his older brother Johnny Winter.

In 1972 Edgar had a chart-topping hit with the instrumental Frankenstein.Winter's songs have appeared on more than 20 films.

Over the course of his 40-year career which began in the UK with the rock band Spooky Tooth, Gary Wright has played before millions of fans. A pioneer of using synthesizers in pop music, as heard on his worldwide hits Dream Weaver and Love Is Alive, Gary has inspired generations of mainstream artists including Eminem, Mya, Jay-Z, Busta Rhymes, Anastacia and DJ Armand Van Helden, all of whom have either sampled or covered his songs. Gary joined the All Starr Band in 2008.

Drummer and vocalist Greg Bissonette comes from a musical family, where his father was also a drummer, his mother a pianist, brother a bass player and sister a violinist. Gregg played on three albums by former Van Halen vocalist David Lee Roth. Since then Gregg has recorded and toured with a number of artists, including Toto, ELO, Santana, Andrea Bocelli, The Maynard Ferguson Big Band, Spinal Tap and James Taylor. He has been an All Starr member since 2008 and this is his third tour as an All Starr.

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This front-facing reception room includes a wooden fire surround and decorative tiled back and hearth

The five-bedroomed home is on the market for offers based on £365,000 via agent Robert Oulsnam and Co

Views over parkland

OFFERS in the region of £365,000 are being sought for a five-bedroomed semi-detached family house in Bearwood with parkland views.

Number 32 Lightwoods Hill is being marketed through Robert Oulsnam & Co, who describe the property as "spacious, well maintained and retaining many original features."

A vestibule entrance with an original quarry tiled floor and hardwood front door opens into a hallway with original ceiling coving, dado rail and quarry tiled floor. There's a cloakroom with a WC, wash basin and extractor fan.

The front-facing reception room has ceiling coving, a picture rail, stunning feature wooden fire surround with decorative tiled back and hearth and inset living flame coal effect gas fire, laminate wood flooring and deep skirting boards.

In the rear-facing reception room, there's also a picture rail, ceiling coving, feature wooden fire surround with tiled back and hearth and inset living flame effect gas fire, laminate wood flooring, deep skirting boards and double-glazed French doors leading to the rear garden.

The spacious breakfast kitchen has an inset one-and-a-half bowl sink and drainer unit with mixer tap, a range of matching wall and base units, square-edged worksurfaces, breakfast bar, integrated electric oven and four ring gas hob with built-in extractor, tiled floor, ceiling coving and an adjoining utility room, which includes space for a fridge and freezer, plumbing for a washing machine and dishwasher, tiled floor, wall and base units, worksurfaces, sink and tiled floor. From here, a door leads to the double-glazed conservatory with French doors opening onto the rear garden.

On the first floor, there are three bedrooms, all with a feature original cast iron fireplace and two with built-in storage. The bathroom includes a white suite that comprises a WC, large pedestal wash basin and panelled bath with mains shower over.

On the second floor landing, there's eaves storage and a further two bedrooms, both featuring a wooden fire surround with original inset cast iron fireplace and slate back, and one with a fire escape.

The property is approached via shrub beds and a red brick driveway providing parking for two vehicles.

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OLDBURY
ELM CROFT
Double-front traditional style semi detached residence in need of some modernisation located within a popular residential road off Oak Road in Oldbury. Accommodation comprises central reception hall, dining room, dual-aspect lounge, breakfast kitchen, three double bedrooms, master bedroom having walk-through dressing area, modern re-fitted first floor bathroom, rear garden, driveway, gas central heating and double glazing. No upward chain.
£162,950

BEARWOOD/SMETHWICK
GALTON ROAD
Well presented traditional style freehold terraced residence located in this pleasant neighourhood within easy reach of both Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods comprising enclosed porch, entrance hallway, through lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area, down stairs shower room/wc, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc, front and rear gardens, central heating (where specified), double glazing (where specified). This property benefits from comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand easy access to Birmingham City Centre.
£162,500

OLDBURY
BROOK ROAD
Delightfully presented spacious mid terraced residence comprising entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining area, fitted kitchen (with built-in oven and hob), three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, separate wc, rear garden, off road parking to front, double glazing, gas central heating and alarm. Viewing is recommended.
£124,950

EDGBASTON
BRIXHAM ROAD
Well presented, deceptively spacious traditional style mid terraced residence comprising: Reception hall, two reception rooms, modern style fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, three good sized bedrooms, front and rear gardens, gas central heating and double glazing. No upward chain. Viewing is recommended.
£123,950

BARTLEY GREEN
TRIMPLEY ROAD
Delightfully presented traditional style mid terraced residence comprising reception hall, through lounge/dining area, modern double glazed conservatory, fitted kitchen, covered side entrance/utility area, three good sized bedrooms, modern first floor bathroom/wc, rear garden, full width block paved drive way to front, double glazing, gas central heating and alarm. Ideal first time buyers or investment property. Viewing is highly recommended.
£119,995

QUINTON
WARPLE ROAD
Delightfully presented mid terraced residence located on popular residential road in Quinton close to The new Tesco's on Ridgacre Road comprising reception hall, through lounge/dining area, modern fitted kitchen, covered side entrance/utility area, three good sized bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating. Excellent opportunity for first time buyers or investment purchase. Viewing recommended.
£114,950

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Oldbury, Quinton, Rowley Regis, Tividale, Bearwood, Harborne, Woodgate, Northfield, Weobley Castle, Bartley Green, Cradley

OLDBURY
FARM ROAD
Well presented traditional style mid terraced residence in popular road comprising enclosed porch, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc with walk-in shower, three double bedrooms and front and rear gardens. The property also benefits from having double glazing and feature gas fuel stove. Internal viewing is highly recommended.
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NORTHFIELD
WOLSELEY HOUSE
Delightfully presented spacious modern second floor apartment located in attractive communal grounds between Northfield and Longbridge comprising L-shaped reception hall, attractive spacious lounge/fitted kitchen/diner, double bedroom, modern bathroom/wc with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, feature Juliet balcony, loft access, intercom system and secure gated allocated parking. Internal viewing is essential.
£89,995

QUINTON
DUFTON ROAD
Traditional style mid terraced residence located in Quinton an excellent opportunity for first time buyers or an investment purchase comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc, rear garden, block paved driveway to front, gas central heating and double glazing. No Upward Chain
£89,950

HALESOWEN
INSTONE ROAD
Delightfully presented refurbished semi detached residence in a popular residential road conveniently located for Halesowen town centre comprising entrance hall, attractive lounge, modern style kitchen with built-in oven and hob, modern downstairs bathroom/wc with shower, four bedrooms, additional upstairs built-in storage, rear garden with generous patio and lawn, driveway to front, gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing is highly recommended. DSS considered
£650 PCM

OLDBURY
PUMPHOUSE WAY
Well presented modern extended semi detached residence located close to the Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, downstairs guest wc, fitted kitchen, dining room, spacious lounge, three bedrooms (master with en-suite shower room/wc), first floor re fitted bathroom/wc with shower, front and side garden, off road parking, rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing.
£600 PCM

OLDBURY
WARWICK ROAD
Well presented traditional style semi detached residence located in cul-de-sac in popular residential road in Oldbury comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc (with shower), attractive rear garden, full width driveway to front, double glazing, gas central heating and alarm. Viewing is highly recommended.
£595 PCM

OLDBURY
BIRCHFIELD LANE
Recently modernised well presented semi-detached family residence comprising: Entrance hall, lounge, modern re-fitted breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, first floor refitted bathroom/wc, double glazing, central heating. The property also benefits from having off road parking with full width block paved drive to front and rear garden. Viewing is highly recommended.
£500 PCM

OLDBURY
STANLEY ROAD
Refurbished spacious flat located above Hair Razors salon on Stanley Road in Oldbury comprising private front door to hall, stairs leading to first floor, lounge, modern re fitted kitchen, two bedrooms,spacious re fitted modern bathroom/wc with separate shower, double glazing, gas central heating, Intercom system, parking space to rear via secure gates. Viewing is recommended.
£550 PCM

WOODGATE
BEAN CROFT
A well presented mid terraced property comprising of vestible hall, spacious lounge, modern style kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, first floor family bathroom, rear garden, driveway to front, gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing is a must. DSS Considered
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Lot 1: 27 Kentish Road, Handsworth, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 2: 8 Plymouth Road, Stirchley, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 3: 91 Trimpley Road, Bartley Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 4: 26A Spring Hill Passage, Spring Hill, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 5: 389 Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands — Residential Vacant
Lot 6: Site of 120-130 Wattville Road, Handsworth, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 7: Site of 125-129 Wattville Road, Handsworth, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 8: Site of Palmerscroft, 31 Bromford Road, Hodge Hill, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 9: Site of Burlington Road, Small Heath, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 10: Former Public Toilets, Muntz Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 11: Lyttleton House, 1 Ormond Road, Rubery, West Midlands — Commercial Vacant
Lot 12: Underwood Centre, Underwood Close, Off Marsh Hill, Erdington, B'ham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 13: 77 Alexandra Road, Tipton — Residential Vacant
Lot 14: 47-48 Park Road East, Tipton — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 15: Land Adj. 52 Anson Road, Harvills Hawthorn, West Bromwich — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 16: Land at Dudley Road, Rowley Regis — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 17: Land at the end of Heronville Drive, West Bromwich — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 18: Land to the North Side of Perry Street, Wednesbury — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 19: Land to the South Side of Perry Street, Wednesbury — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 20: Land Adj. 139 Ebenezer Street, West Bromwich — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 21: Site of Former Timbertrees Nursery, Graingers Lane, Cradley Heath — Development /Redevelopment
Lot 22: Land Between 50 & 53B Leabrook Road, Wednesbury — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 23: Site at Purdy Road/Batmans Hill Road, Tipton — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 24: Land Adjacent Corner of 14 School Street/St. Lukes Street, Cradley Heath — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 25: 5A/5B Park Crescent, West Park, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 26: 44 Selwyn Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 27: 12 Wagstaff Close, Coseley — Residential Vacant
Lot 28: The Planes, 219 Atherstone Road, Measham — SOLD PRIOR — Residential Vacant
Lot 29: 28 Waverley Road, Small Heath, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 30: 22 Coldstream Road & 7 Crawford Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield & 9 & 11 Redcroft Drive, Erdington, Birmingham — Ground Rent
Lot 31: 57 Westwood Road, Sutton Coldfield Ground Rent
Lot 32: 12 Colebrook Road & 95 Stroud Road, Shirley, Solihull & 62 Allendale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield — Ground Rent
Lot 33: 20, 36, 44 & 46 Allendale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield — Ground Rent
Lot 34: 66 Allendale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield & 30 Mildenhall Road, Great Barr, Birmingham — Ground Rent
Lot 35: 32 Yateley Avenue, Great Barr, Birmingham & 11 Windsor Drive, Erdington, Birmingham — Ground Rent
Lot 36: 2, 4, 6 & 8 Orchard Grove & 54, 56, 58 & 60 Weston Crescent, Aldridge 67 & 69 Coniston Road & 29 & 31 Lindrosa Road, Streetly — Ground Rent
Lot 37: 4 Betteridge Drive & 15 Dickinson Drive, Sutton Coldfield — Ground Rent
Lot 38: 1-7 Bush Court, Dennis Road, Coventry — Ground Rent
Lot 39: 21 Myrtle Avenue, Kings Heath, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 40: 'St Helens', 42 Claughton Road, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 41: St. John's Cloisters, St. John's Square, Wolverhampton — Commercial Vacant
Lot 42: Hornton Lodge, Rosemary Hill Road, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands — Residential Vacant
Lot 43: Stuart House, Vale Pitts Road, Garretts Green, Birmingham — Commercial Investment
Lot 44: 102 Carolgate, Retford, Nottinghamshire — Commercial Investment
Lot 45: The Talbot, 13 Bradleys Lane, Tipton — Commercial Vacant
Lot 46: 14 Victoria Road, Stechford, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 47: 976 Alum Rock Road, Ward End, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 48: 29 Foley Road, Ward End, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 49: Land off Clockfields Drive, Brierley Hill, West Midlands — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 50: Former Roadside Diner, Birmingham Road, A45, Meriden — Commercial Vacant
Lot 51: Former Restaurant & Bar, Chester Road, Stonnall, Walsall, — Commercial Vacant
Lot 52: 259A Stafford Street, Walsall — Commercial Vacant
Lot 53: 6, 8 & 10 The Strand, Bromsgrove — Commercial Investment
Lot 54: Unity House, 255-257 Grove Lane, Handsworth, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 55: 56 Holyhead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 56: 38 Central Avenue, Bilston — Residential Vacant
Lot 57: 22 Warwards Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham — Residential Investment
Lot 58: Land at r/o 1 Firtree Road, Erdington, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 59: 50-52 Stephenson Way, Corby, Northamptonshire — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 60: 16 Haskell Street, Walsall — Residential Vacant
Lot 61: Moon under the Water, Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock — Commercial Vacant
Lot 62: Open Land Adj. Premier Inn, Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, West Midlands — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 63: 21 Mary Road, Tividale — Residential Vacant
Lot 64: 5-8 Caroline Street, Hockley, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 65: 48 Granby Avenue, Garretts Green, Birmingham — Commercial Investment
Lot 66: 43 Flaxhall Street, Alumwell, Walsall — Residential Vacant
Lot 67: 5 Glen Court, Compton, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 68: 21 Hughes Road, Moxley — Residential Vacant
Lot 69: Unit 17 Fortnum Close, Kitts Green, Birmingham — Commercial Investment
Lot 70: Land at 47 Hospital Street, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 71: 41 Ettingshall Road, Bilston — Residential Vacant
Lot 72: 21 Victory Avenue, Wednesbury — Residential Vacant
Lot 73: 18 Windsor Road, Parkfields, Wolverhampton — Residential Investment
Lot 74: 14 Market Place, Willenhall — Commercial Vacant
Lot 75: 3 Orchard Road, Erdington, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 76: 2 George Street, Handsworth, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 77: 131 Oscott School Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 78: 51 Leswell Lane, Kidderminster — Residential Vacant
Lot 79: 52 Leswell Lane, Kidderminster — Residential Vacant
Lot 80: 49 The Lindens, Newbridge, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 81: Flat A Petersbourne Court, Petersfield Road, Hall Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 82: 82 Forge Lane, Wall Heath, Kingswinford — Residential Vacant
Lot 83: Tony Montanas, Bridge Street, Wednesbury — Commercial Vacant
Lot 84: 65 Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall — Residential Vacant
Lot 85: 63 Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 86: 96 & 98 Fentham Road, Erdington, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 87: 35 Dexter Way, Warmington, Peterborough — Residential Vacant
Lot 88: 141 High Street, Brownhills — Commercial Investment/Part Vacant
Lot 89: 24 Brick Kiln Street, Willenhall — Residential Investment
Lot 90: 54 Dilloways Lane, Wolverhampton — Residential Investment
Lot 91: 664 Pershore Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham — Residential Investment
Lot 92: 114 Trident House, Granville Square, Birmingham — Residential Investment
Lot 93: 14 Handley Street, Packmore, Stoke on Trent — Residential Investment
Lot 94: 40 Phillimore Road, Saltley, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 95: Hayes Court and 174-174A & 176-176A Hednesford Road, Cannock — Commercial Investment
Lot 96: 82 High Street, Stourbridge — Commercial Vacant
Lot 97: 39 Barbara Road, Hall Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
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Lot 99: 2-2A Mill Street, Cannock — Commercial Investment
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Lot 113: 55 Fernley Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 114: 15A Tudor Road, Rowley Regis — Residential Vacant
Lot 115: 20 Cinder Bank, Netherton — Residential Vacant
Lot 116: 123 Cinder Bank, Netherton — Residential Vacant
Lot 117: 146 Commonside, Pensnett, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 118: 15 Duke Street, Rowley Regis — Residential Vacant
Lot 119: 15 Asbury Court, Newton Road, Great Barr, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 120: 214 School Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 121: 39 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
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Lot 127: Open Land r/o Ivy House Road & Wallace Road, Rowley Regis — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 128: 73 Snape Road, Wolverhampton — Residential Investment
Lot 129: 21 Hope Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands — Residential Vacant
Lot 130: 94 Old Heath Road, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
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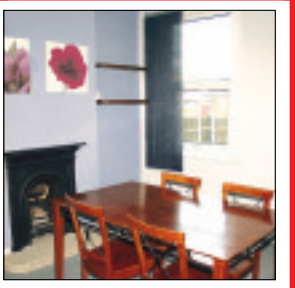

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- Generous Rear Garden
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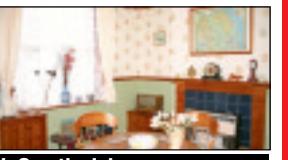

Oakwood Road, Smethwick

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Ideal FTB Accommodation
- Quiet Residential Area

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- Useful Utility
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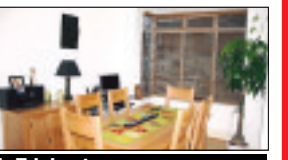

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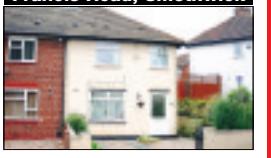

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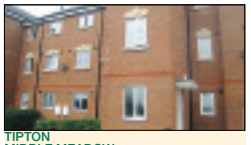

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- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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- Driveway
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- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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WEDNESBURY
BLENHEIM DRIVE
- Three bedroom mid terrace townhouse
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Front and rear gardens
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Off road parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

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WESTMORE WAY
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Garage
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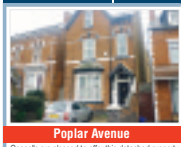
Oldbury £325,000

Castle Road East
Connells are pleased to offer this superb detached property in a sought after location close to Warley Woods, comprising entrance hallway, 2 reception rooms, kitchen with separate utility, downstairs cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, with en-suite to the master, upstairs family bathroom, mature garden with orchard at the bottom, integral garage. Viewing highly recommended.

Edgbaston £295,000



Poplar Avenue
Connells are pleased to offer this detached property, ideal as family home or multiple occupation investment property. The property comprises 4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, spacious accommodation is split over 3 levels, fire and smoke alarms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified,

Bearwood £185,000

Lightwoods Road
A spacious 3 storey mid-terraced property, with internal viewing most highly recommended, comprising 2 reception rooms, re-fitted extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, master en-suite, re-fitted bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Hockley £169,950

Anchor Crescent
Connells are pleased to offer this spacious 3 storey semi-detached property, comprising entrance hallway, fitted kitchen, cloakroom/utility, reception room, 3 bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom plus further cloakroom, driveway, garage, front and rear gardens, double glazed and centrally heated where specified.

Smethwick £144,950

Stony Lane
Connells are pleased to offer this well maintained semi-detached property, comprising hallway, cloakroom, through lounge, conservatory, extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway, garage to rear, double glazed and centrally heated where specified.

Smethwick £165,000

Broomfield
Connells are pleased to offer this spacious semi-detached property with internal viewing highly recommended, comprising hallway, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where spec, situated close to an award winning school.

Smethwick £130,000

Arthur Harris
Connells are pleased to offer this mid townhouse in cul-de-sac location, comprising hallway, fitted kitchen, reception room, 2 bedrooms, upstairs shower room, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens, parking space.

Smethwick £124,950

Londonderry Lane
Connells are pleased to offer this mid townhouse, offered with NO CHAIN, comprising porch, entrance hallway, re-fitted kitchen/diner, reception room, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, paved frontage, rear garden, garage.

Warley Woods £82,500

Leicester Close
Connells are pleased to offer this second floor apartment, in this desirable location, comprising hallway, reception room, double bedroom, kitchen, shower room, double glazed and warm air heating where specified, garage set in communal grounds. NO CHAIN.

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Vince Street
Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £90,000 for 19 Vince Street, Smethwick, B66 4JD. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells, 122 Poplar Road, Bearwood, B66 4AF, 0121 420 3611 before exchange of contracts.

Oldbury Branch
Tel: 0121 552 2671 • oldbury@connells.co.uk

Oldbury £105,000

Ascot Close
PUBLIC NOTICE
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Oldbury £95,000

Westgate
Connells are pleased to present this three bed mid terraced property comprising of lounge, kitchen, downstairs w.c, bathroom and parking to rear. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Oldbury £85,000

Wellesley Road
Connells are pleased to present this two bedroomed mid terraced property consisting of, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Tividale £164,950

Ludgate Close
Connells are pleased to present this three bed detached property comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, master ensuite, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

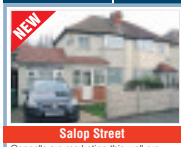
Oldbury £110,000

Edmonds Road
Connells are pleased to present this three bed terraced property consisting of lounge, kitchen, bathroom. Double glazing where specified. Ideal for investor or first time buyer.

Tipton £89,950

Lissimore Drive
Connells are pleased to present this one bed coach house comprising of lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, allocated parking and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. Internal inspection highly recommended.

Oldbury £105,000



Salop Street
Connells are marketing this well presented two bed semi detached property with lounge, dining area, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Tividale £120,950

Regent Road
Connells are marketing this semi detached property comprising of entrance porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. Viewing highly recommended. No upward chain.

Smethwick £310,000

Holly Lane
Connells are marketing this four bed detached property comprising of two reception rooms, kitchen/diner, utility area, conservatory, master ensuite, bathroom, rear garden, driveway and garage. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £107,000

Fountain Lane
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Wednesbury Branch
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Wednesbury £69,950

Dorsett Road
A three bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £99,950

Monarch Court, Cook Street
A modern style three bedroom three storey end town house briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, allocated parking. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £159,950

Hollies Drive
A period style spacious four bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and part gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted kitchen and breakfast area, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

Darlaston £79,950

Waverley Road
A two bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs shower room, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £115,000

Windmill Street
A well maintained and much improved traditional style three bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, re-fitted ground floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £124,950

Franchise Street
A very well maintained modern style three bedroom end-terrace property briefly comprising of, fitted kitchen, lounge/diner, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, two allocated parking spaces. EXCELLENT TRANSPORT LINKS. NO UPWARD CHAIN, LOOKING FOR A QUICK SALE.

Wednesbury £115,000

Wharfedale Street
A well presented three bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, enclosed rear garden.

Wednesbury £75,000

Galahad Way
FULL OWNERSHIP. Two bedroom first floor flat briefly comprising of, double glazing (as specified) electric storage heating, entrance hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, communal garden area, allocated parking space. Ideal for first time buyer or retirement purchase..

Tipton £150,000

Farmer Way
A modern style two bedroom detached bungalow briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and central heating (as specified) lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted shower room, two double bedrooms, enclosed rear garden, garage, drive-way. No upward chain.

Darlaston £179,950

Osborne Drive
A well presented three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of, part uPVC double glazing and gas central heating, (as specified) lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, utility, downstairs WC, conservatory, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, off road parking and garage.

Wednesbury £127,500

Franchise Street
A modern style three bedroom end terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) fitted breakfast kitchen, lounge, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, allocated parking. No upward chain.

West Bromwich Branch
Tel: 0121 525 1177 • westbromwich@connells.co.uk

West Bromwich £110,000

Thursfield Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this end terrace property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 1 reception room, downstairs bathroom, upstairs shower room,kitchen, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, garage, ideal for first time buyers.

West Bromwich £115,000

Crookhay Lane
Connells are pleased to introduce this well presented immaculate semi detached property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, front and rear gardens, parking to the side of the property, Ideal for first time buyers.

West Bromwich £110,000

Coles Crescent
Connells are pleased to introduce this semi detached property, briefly comprising 3 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, front and rear gardens, garage, central heating and double glazing, Ideal for first time buyers.

West Bromwich £139,999

Margaret Street
Connells are pleased to introduce this well presented end terrace property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, upstairs bathroom with separate WC, front and rear gardens, off road parking, alarmed, central heating and double glazing (where specified).

West Bromwich £140,000

Elizabeth Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this semi detached property, 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, Downstairs Cloakroom,upstairs bathroom, central heating and double glazing, front and rear gardens,off road parking.

West Bromwich £50,000

Grace Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this 1st floor maisonette, briefly comprising of 1 bedroom, 1 reception room, fitted bathroom, kitchen, central heating and double glazing, allocated parking to the rear, communal gardens. THE PROPERTY IS LEASEHOLD. 120 YEARS LEFT ON LEASE £25.00 PER MONTH GROUND RENT.

West Bromwich £120,000

Hydes Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this recently refurbished semi detached property, briefly comprising of 2 bedrooms, 1 reception room, upstairs bathroom, central heating and double glazing, front and rear gardens.

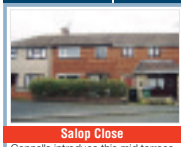
West Bromwich £155,000

Tame Street
Connells are pleased to introduce this modern detached property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 1 reception room, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, upstairs family bathroom, central heating and double glazing, alarm, front and rear gardens.

Smethwick £250,000

Whitehouse Drive
Connells are pleased to introduce this well maintained and well presented spacious semi detached property, briefly comprising of 6 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs WC, 2 family bathrooms, off road parking, garage and rear garden. central heating and double glazing.

West Bromwich £51,495



Salop Close
Connells introduce this mid terrace property, having one reception room, part double glazing, front and rear gardens. This property does require refurbishment.

West Bromwich

PUBLIC NOTICE
22 Salop Close, West Bromwich, B71 2BB.
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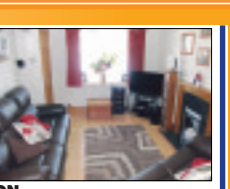

TIPTON
SOLLY GROVE
★ Two bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Double glazing ★ Off road parking ★ Front and rear gardens
£99,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
KIRKHAM WAY
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge/dining room ★ Conservatory and kitchen ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Block paved driveway and garage ★ Rear garden
Was £139,995 Now £135,000

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
MASON STREET
★ Well presented mid terrace ★ Two bedrooms ★ Two reception rooms ★ Upstairs family bathroom ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified) ★ Rear garden
£89,995

NEW

TIPTON
CARNEGIE AVENUE
★ Two bedroom mid terrace ★ Lounge ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Allocated parking ★ Front and rear gardens
£89,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
GLEBFIELDS ROAD
★ Extended three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge with dining area, conservatory ★ Extended fitted kitchen ★ Refitted bathroom ★ Blacked paved driveway ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified) ★ Rear garden
Was £134,995 Now £127,000

NEW

TIPTON
CHARTER ROAD
★ Modern four bedroom detached on corner plot ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Kitchen and utility ★ Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom ★ uPVC double glazed windows and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Rear and side gardens
£209,995

NEW

TIVIDALE
LARCH CROFT
★ Modern extended four bedroom detached ★ Lounge ★ Dining room ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Front and rear gardens
£189,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
HEATH LANE
★ Three bedroom detached house ★ Lounge and conservatory ★ Fitted kitchen with utility room ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and block paved driveway ★ Rear garden
£157,500

NEW

WEDNESBURY
LEA AVENUE
★ Two bedroom detached bungalow ★ Entrance porch ★ Lounge and fitted kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage, driveway and off road parking ★ Front and rear gardens
£145,000

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
JAYNE CLOSE
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Through lounge/dining room ★ Kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Front and rear gardens ★ Garage
Was £129,950 Now £126,950

NEW

TIPTON
BLOOMFIELD ROAD
★ Modern three storey three bedroom mid town house ★ Study, kitchen diner and lounge ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Rear garden ★ Garage to rear
£139,995

NEW

TIPTON
HENN DRIVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Fitted kitchen and conservatory ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Rear garden
£117,500

NEW

TIPTON
OXFORD WAY
★ Two bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge and breakfast kitchen ★ Downstairs WC ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Off road parking ★ Front and rear gardens
£114,995

NEW

TIPTON
TIVIDALE STREET
★ Two bedroom end terraced ★ Lounge ★ Dining kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Off road parking to the rear ★ Front and rear gardens
£99,950

REDUCED

TIPTON
HENN DRIVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Living room, dining room, kitchen ★ Upstairs family bathroom ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified) ★ Off road parking and garage ★ Rear garden
Was £115,000 Now £109,995

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£99,995

NEW

TIPTON
BAKER STREET
★ Three bedroom mid terrace ★ Loune and kitchen ★ Conservatory ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Driveway ★ Rear garden
£89,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
BRUNEL DRIVE
★ Two bedroom mid town house ★ Lounge ★ Dining kitchen ★ Downstairs WC ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Front and rear gardens
Was £97,500 Now £94,500

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Denbigh Road	£99,995	£550	6.6%
Henn Drive	£109,995	£550	6%

REDUCED

TIPTON
HAWTHORN ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Off road parking ★ Rear garden
Was £93,000 Now £89,995

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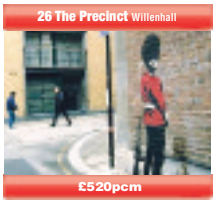
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★ REAR GARDEN ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

CHESTER RISE, OLDBURY

£127,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ MID TERRACED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY AREA
★ REAR GARDEN
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

DARBY ROAD, OLDBURY

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★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING

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★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ END TERRACED
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★ UTILITY AREA ★ CONSERVATORY
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★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

QUEENSWAY CLOSE, OLDBURY

£134,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ CONSERVATORY
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

HUGH ROAD, SMETHWICK

£142,000 NEW

★THREE BEDROOMS ★ EXTENDED
★THROUGH LOUNGE ★FITTED KITCHEN
★GUEST W.C ★STUDY ★REAR GARDEN
★OFF ROAD PARKING

PERRYHILL ROAD, OLDBURY

£170,000 NEW PRICE

★ THREE BEDROOMED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN/DINNER
★ LOFT ROOM ★ FAMILY BATHROOM
★ REAR GARDEN

TRAFALGAR ROAD, TIVIDALE

£179,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ UTILITY AREA ★ GUEST W.C.
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

VICARAGE STREET, OLDBURY

£220,000 NEW

★ FIVE BEDROOMS ★ EXTENDED
★ SEMI DETACHED ★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY AREA
★ EN SUITE ★ SHOWER ROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★GARAGE

HUSKISON CLOSE, TIVIDALE, OLDBURY

£229,950 NEW

★ FOUR BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY AREA
★ EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ TWIN DOUBLE

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY

£260,000 NEW PRICE

★ FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
★ FAMILY BATHROOM

WEST PARK ROAD, SMETHWICK

£329,950 REDUCED

★FOUR BEDROOM★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★EXTENDED KITCHEN DINER
★SHOWER ROOM ★BATHROOM
★SIDE GARAGE ★REAR GARDEN

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GLOUCESTER ROAD

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£550

TIVIDALE
LESLIE RISE

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£500

TIPTON
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Lovely 1 bedroom flat, open plan kitchen, storage heaters, double glazed window. allocated parking
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2 bedroom mid-terrace property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, ground floor bathroom, available unfurnished.
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TIPTON
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Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached property, spacious lounge, upstairs bathroom. ch & Dg, private drive and garage. unfurnished.
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3 bedroom mid-terrace property 2 reception room, ch and dg, unfurnished.
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TIPTON
SEDGELEY ROAD WEST

3 bedroom semi detached property, ch and dg, 2 reception rooms, off road parking. unfurnished. first floor bathroom
£550

WEST BROMWICH
ANDREW RD

3 bedroom semi-detached property in the charlemont area, ch and dg, through lounge. upstairs bathroom. private drive and garage. unfurnished
£550

WEST BROMWICH
HALL GREEN ROAD

A very spacious ground floor 3 bedroom maisonnette, large reception room, ch and dg unfurnished and off road parking. must be viewed to be appreciated.
£500

WEST BROMWICH
LAW STREET

Spacious 2 bedroom property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, first floor bathroom. available with kitchen appliances.
£480

WEST BROMWICH
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Trevanie Avenue

An opportunity to acquire a spacious, considerably improved and well presented 3 bedroomed family home conveniently situated within this popular neighbourhood, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall (with downstairs w.c., off), attractive lounge, (double doors to) open plan dining area/ fitted kitchen (having integral oven/hob, fridge and freezer), breakfast room/study, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking, side garage/useful store and pleasant rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345.

Offers around £184,950

SMETHWICK

Gilbert Road

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 3 bedroomed intermediate terraced property having gas radiator heating, double glazing, requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, rear vestibule area, downstairs bathroom, separate w.c., 3 bedrooms and pleasant rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £94,950

SMETHWICK

Holly lane

A rare opportunity to acquire an extremely spacious, delightfully presented and considerably improved semi detached property with pleasant views to the front of local park, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, delightful lounge, superb re-fitted dining kitchen (with integrated oven/hob and fridge), garden room having utility area, downstairs w.c. and shower room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, super loft conversion providing 2 further rooms, and attractive shower room, and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £219,950

WARLEY WOODS AREA

Abbey Road

An opportunity to acquire a spacious, well presented and thoughtfully improved 3 bedroomed traditional style semi-detached property with peasant outlook from the front to Warley Woods/park having majority double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising: Entrance hall, delightful lounge, sepaate dining room, refitted kitchen (with oven/hob), 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom, shared drive at the side, garage and superb excellent sized pleasant rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £199,950

SMETHWICK

Stanhope Road

Delightful considerably improved and well presented three bedroomed semi-detached property in pleasant position, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising: entrance vestibule, attractive lounge, super refitted kitchen (with oven/hob), rear vestibule (having downstairs WC off), three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, drive providing off road parking and pleasant rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the superb accommodation on offer. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £137,950

QUINTON

Thornhurst Avenue

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned, thoughtfully improved, 2 bedroomed intermediate property having gas radiator heating, double glazing, set within this popular, convenient neighbourhood, requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, attractive kitchen, spacious lounge, 2 good sized bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £127,950

SMETHWICK

Beechfield Road

An opportunity to acquire a deceptively spacious, well presented and thoughtfully improved, 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property which truly requires an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, delightful spacious open plan through lounge with dining area, attractive kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom and pleasant low maintenance rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345.

Offers around £100,000

OLDBURY

Mallard Drive

An attractive, well presented, modern, 2 bedroomed starter home occupying a pleasant position upon this popular development, requiring internal inspection having gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, attractive spacious lounge, kitchen, 2 good sized bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £99,950

OLDBURY

Ascot Walk

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned and thoughtfully improved double bedroomed ground floor flat conveniently situated for local amenities/facilities, having double glazing, requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, delightful lounge, kitchenette, spacious double bedroom, attractive bathroom and garage in separate block. Viewing highly recommended. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £64,950

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NEW

Temple Way

This excellently presented, modern semi offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises: Side entrance hall, front lounge, well fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes), well appointed shower room, gardens fore and rear, rear vehicular access, freehold.

Offers based on: £124,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD

In need of general improvement this traditional semi-detached residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and part double glazing and includes reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, fore and rear gardens, freehold.

Offers based on: £95,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

BROOKES CLOSE

This well presented Bellway detached property is situated on a popular residential development in a good residential area of Tividale, internal inspection is highly recommended and the property benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing, briefly comprises entrance hall with fitted cloakroom, front lounge, open plan dining kitchen, three bedrooms, (master with ensuite shower room), house bathroom, gardens, detached garage, freehold.

Offers based on: £159,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

VICARAGE ROAD

Situated in an established neighbourhood this well presented modernised mid terrace offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. The property briefly comprises front living room, open plan breakfast kitchen, rear lobby with bathroom off having white suite, two double bedrooms, gardens, freehold.

Offers based on: £82,950

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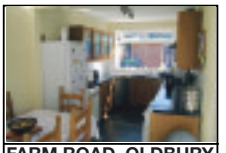

FARM ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated close to Wolverhampton Road this excellently presented deceptively spacious mid terrace requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The well planned accommodation has been fully refurbished and offers good sized family accommodation to include two reception rooms, extended kitchen/diner, three good sized bedrooms, family bathroom, side storage room, gardens overlooking allotments, central heating and double glazing, freehold.

Offers based on: £124,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

BLOXCIDGE STREET, OLDBURY

Situated in an established residential neighbourhood this spacious Victorian detached residence offers good family accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. Full internal inspection is highly recommended and the property briefly comprises large reception hall, front lounge, open plan dining room, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, ground floor toilet and utility, brick paved driveway with side space for possible for garaging, enclosed rear garden, freehold.

Offers based on £235,000

Viewing Oldbury Office

PITCAIRN ROAD

An immaculate, expensively improved and enviably situated traditional style freehold semi-detached, offering gas CH, PVC DG and fully alarmed accommodation to include three bedrooms, well appointed fully tiled and refitted bathroom with individual shower, reception hall, good size lounge opening to a superb dining / kitchen / family room, enclosed side entrance / laundry area, side garage, off-street parking and gardens, having the benefit of fire resistant internal doors, day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £225,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

POTTERY ROAD

Delightfully situated in this much sought after neighbourhood, a traditional style freehold semi-detached residence having been expensively improved to an exacting specification, to include new double glazing, central heating, electrics and water supply pipes, now offering immaculate accommodation to include three bedrooms, attractive shower room, hall, dining room, extended lounge, superb fully refitted kitchen/breakfast room laundry/utility room, laid out south facing garden with large patio, two car off street parking and having the benefit of comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection absolutely essential.

Offers based on £194,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

DEVON ROAD

A well presented and most pleasantly situated traditional style freehold semi detached residence located in this ever popular established residential thoroughfare just a quarter of a mile or so from both Warley Woods and the main Halesowen Road/West in Bearwood, offering gas centrally heated and alarmed accommodation with a wealth of original features to include hall, dining room, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, bathroom with electric shower unit, well maintained garden to the rear and having the benefit of off street parking, with original stripped pine panelled doors throughout and enjoying comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on: £210,000

Viewing Bearwood Office

BOWDEN ROAD, SMETHWICK

Situated in a pleasant established neighbourhood convenient for comprehensive day to day amenities, a traditional style freehold villa residence offering gas central heated and part PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor, two reception rooms and kitchen downstairs, together with garden to the rear, having High Street amenities close at hand and ideally suited for first time buyers.

Offers based on: £104,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PRINCESS ROAD

Situated in a popular and extremely convenient residential locality, a traditional style semi-detached town house offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, part tiled shower room, hall, lounge, dining/kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens and off-street parking, with the considerable advantage of a double garage to the side and having a good range of day-to-day amenities close at hand, ideal for first time purchasers although it does need some further upgrading.

Offers based on: £127,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

CHURCH ROAD

An attractively presented and exceptionally convenient modern freehold town house offering electric storage heating and PVC double glazing and to include two bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom, spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room, having the benefit of off street parking to the front, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, ideal for first purchasers with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on: £105,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION AT PORTLAND ROAD PAVILION

241 PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B17 8LS

ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2011 AT 6.30 PM

Lot 1:	**14 STANHOPE ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6HN** Freehold, 3 bedroomed, double glazed, end town house, with garage	£80,000-£85,000
Lot 2:	**50 FAIRWAY ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8BE** Freehold, centrally heated, 3 bedroomed town house, in need of modernisation.	£75,000-£80,000
Lot 3:	**378 PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON, B17 8LT** Freehold, 3 bedroomed terraced, requiring improvement	£75,000-£80,000
Lot 4:	**352 HIGH STREET, SMETHWICK, B66 3PD** Freehold, 2 bedroomed, centrally heated and double glazed terraced, needing further improvement.	£67,500-£70,000
Lot 5:	**2 CROSS STREET, OLDBURY B68 8QX** Freehold, 3 bedroomed traditional semi-detached, with double glazing.	£70,000-£75,000
Lot 6:	**2 CROCKETTS AVENUE, HANDSWORTH, B21 0HT** Traditional, freehold, centrally heated, semi-detached with 3 bedrooms but needing improvement.	£75,000-£80,000
Lot 7:	**57 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5HY** Freehold, part double glazed, 2 bedroomed villa, in need of upgrading	£ circa 89,950
Lot 8:	**23 SOUTHFIELD ROAD, EDGBASTON, B16 0JP** Freehold, 3 bedroomed villa, double glazed and centrally heated.	£95,000-£100,000
Lot 9:	**7 OAK STREET, QUARRY BANK, DY5 2JQ** Freehold, detached property needing renovation, plus storage yard and extensive off-street parking.	£40,000-£50,000
Lot 10:	**19 TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY, B69 4PY** Modern, 2 bedroomed, mid-town house requiring improvements.	£70,000-£75,000
Lot 11:	**124 WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5HF** Freehold, 3 bedroomed terraced, needing modernisation.	£75,000-£80,000

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OLDBURY

NEW

FOREST ROAD

Offers in the region of £184,950

A deceptively spacious traditional semi detached property Porch entrance to reception hall, front room, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, cupboard sized passageway, W.C. and garage off. Stairs from hall to three bedrooms, bathroom, seperate W.C., central heating, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

NEW

SWAN CRESCENT

Offers in the region of £120,000

A fully refurbished and modernised traditional semi detached property Recessed arched front entrance into reception hall stores off, front room, dining kitchen having some integrated appliances. Staircase from hallway to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazing off road parking and rear garden

OLDBURY

FARM ROAD

Offers in the region of £159,950

A traditional semi detached property benefiting from two storey extension to the rear, hall entrance stores off, through lounge with dining area and feature fireplace, L shaped kitchen. Staircase from hallway to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes) bathroom, side garage, double glazing and central heating, parking to front and rear garden

OLDBURY

ARDEN GROVE

Offers in the region of £120,950

A well mainted and presented modern semi detached property situated within a popular location close to Langley High Street side entrance to hall cloaks off, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen having integrated appliances, stairs to two bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, central heating, double glazing, extended garage, workshop to rear and gardens

OLDBURY

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

Offers in the region of £119,995

A fully modernised and extended mid townhouse o benefiting loft conversion providing additional bedroom space Storm porch entrance, lounge feature fireplace doors to kitchen archway to conservatory. Staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. Staircase to loft conversion including fitted wardrobes central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, rear garden

OLDBURY

REDUCED

CAUSEWAY GREEN ROAD

Offers in the region of £109,950

A deceptively spacious mid town house. uPVC entrance door to reception hall, through lounge divided into lounge and dining area doors to Galley style kitchen including with conservatory leading off. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms, shower room, double glazing, central heating where specified, front and rear gardens

NO UPWARD CHAIN

OLDBURY

REDUCED

DINGLE STREET

Offers in the region of £92,950

A fully modernised and refurbished mid terraced property benefiting from off road parking to the rear uPVC entrance door into front room, inner hallway, rear sitting room and lobby. Galley styled kitchen, lobby and bathroom. Staircase from rear sitting room to first floor, two bedrooms, central heating, double glazing, front garden and rear yard.

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48 FLORENCE ROAD, OLDBURY, B69 2DN

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TO LET

ABBEY ROAD

£650 pcm

A semi detached property closely situated to Warley Woods. Porch entrance, hall, front room and rear lounge bath having modern styled fitted fireplaces, kitchen with integrated appliances, lobby to shower room. Staircase to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom with spa bath, detached garage, rear garden, off road parking to front, double glazing and central heating

OLDBURY

TO LET

OLIVE MOUNT

£600 pcm

A fully refurbished and modernised mid terraced property. Vestibule and hall entrance with two stores leading off, two reception rooms, kitchen including integrated oven and hob. Staircase from hall to first floor landing with stores, four bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing where specified, shallow front garden, rear yard

SMETHWICK

TO LET

ROSEFIELD ROAD

£550 pcm

A fully refurbished and modernised terraced property. uPVC door to front room, small inner hall stores off, rear sitting room, kitchen, lobby, bathroom. Staircase to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms and upstairs W.C., double glazing, central heating where specified, front and rear gardens

TIPTON

TO LET

HOLCROFT STREET

£520 pcm

An opportunity to let a deceptively spacious fully modernised and refurbished mid terraced property conveniently located Hardwood front entrance door opening into front room with feature fireplace, small inner hallway having understairs cupboard off, rear sitting room, kitchen having some intergrated appliances. Staircase from rear sitting room to two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing, rear garden

TIVIDALE

TO LET

DUDLEY ROAD EAST

£500 pcm

A deceptively spacious mid terraced property offering an excellent long term let. Front entrance into front room, inner hallway stores off, rear sitting room, dining kitchen. Staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazing, shallow front garden, rear garden.

OLDBURY

TO LET

LANGLEY ROAD

£415 pcm

A ground floor flat situated within a converted building, offering ideal accommodation for couples or single person. Communal entrance off Farm Road, with stores, flat entrance door staircase leading to first floor landing off which lead lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms bathroom with shower, double glazing and electric heating communal yard to rear.

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Dairy Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking area, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Tozer Street, Tipton — NEW

End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
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Hurst Lane, Tipton — NEW

Modern purpose built first floor apartment offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, security entrance doors & no upward chain. Reception hall, open plan lounge / dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking space.
OFFERS AROUND: **£64,995**
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Moat Road, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Dovecote Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering superbly improved / presented accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side garage, fore & attractive rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£154,950**
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St Helens Avenue, Bridgemere, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£99,995**
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Gospel Oak Road, Tipton — NEW

Large Period Detached situated on a superb corner position, which has the potential for extensions on the existing property (subject to planning or the possible opportunity of separate building land for additional dwellings. The property benefits from upvc double glazing, gas central heating, large spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, dining room / possible bedroom 5, extended/modified kitchen, utility area, 4 bedrooms, bathroom. Large driveway access from side, garages / workshops and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£249,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Park Avenue, Tipton — NEW

End Terrace situated on a good size corner plot. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, through lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, fore / side & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£77,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Menin Road, Tipton

Much Improved End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, loft conversion & alarm. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£117,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Newcomen Drive, Tipton

Modern Middle Terrace having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, superbly presented accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 allocated parking spaces, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£119,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Sefton Grove, Woodford Hollow, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location, well presented accommodation & briefly comprising, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway, (side potential subject to planning) & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£126,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Victoria Road, Tipton

Traditional Extended Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating, extension to rear at ground / first floor and offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, through lounge, re-fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom plus shower cubicle, vehicle access to rear providing parking for upto 4 vehicles, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£127,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lovatt Close, Rochford Gardens, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & immaculate accommodation. Sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, excellent block paved driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£126,950**
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Newcomen Drive, Tipton

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & cul de sac location. Good size accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, L'shape fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£209,950**
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Hopton Close, Woodford Hollow, Tipton

Modern Starter home having upvc double glazing and making an ideal first time purchase. Porch, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom (built in wardrobes), bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£72,500**
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Patricia Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Residence having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & corner plot. Reception hall, lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, side garage, fore / side and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£124,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Mayhurst Close, Tipton

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & well maintained accommodation. Reception hall, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen (built in appliances), 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, Intruder Alarm, fore / rear garden and garage in separate block.
OFFERS AROUND: **£109,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Salter Road, Tipton

End Terrace having upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hawthorn Road, Tipton — NEW

Much Improved Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Immaculate internal accommodation for which viewing is highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway to front & 3 tier rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & extension to rear. Good size family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, breakfast area, extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£122,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Spring Meadow, Bridgemere, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal first time purchase, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in over/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, separate allocated parking and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£94,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Florence Road, Glebefields Estate, Tipton

Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & extension to rear. Porch, Reception hall, Lounge, sunroom, sitting room, fitted kitchen, outhouses/wc, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£107,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Highfield Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and occupying an excellent corner plot which offers potential for extensions (subject to planning). Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, good size driveway and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£104,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Richards Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having replacement upvc windows, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, block paved fore garden & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hudson Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, shower room, driveway to side, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Meldon Drive, Bilston

Much Improved Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Enclosed porch, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, re-fitted kitchen (built in appliances), 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, large driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£112,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Daisy Meadow, Bridgemere, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location, ideal starter home & briefly comprising, reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Driveway & Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Avern Close, Tipton

Modern Purpose Built Ground Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception area, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower and parking space.
OFFERS AROUND: **£64,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Great Bridge Road, Bilston — REDUCED

Deceptively spacious & well presented Modern middle terrace which benefits from UPVc double Glazing & Gas Central Heating and briefly comprises: Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens + Parking Space, No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND: **£95,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Arthur Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£109,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Glebefields Road, Tipton

Immaculate extended semi detached residence in a sought after location which benefits from UPVc double glazing & Gas Central Heating and briefly comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Area, Lounge with feature fire surround, Conservatory, Extended Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Re fitted Bathroom, Block Paved Driveway and Enclosed Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended.
OFFERS AROUND: **£127,000**
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Oak Close, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton

Well presented Purpose built Ground Floor Flat having UPVc double glazing, electric storage heating & briefly comprising, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower & communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£62,995**
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Middle Meadow, Tipton

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Bilston Road, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Detached Bungalow having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Storm porch, reception hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, good size driveway to front, rear garden and basements.
OFFERS AROUND: **£150,000**
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Middle Meadow, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Larger Style Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, 2 car driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£174,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bloomfield Road, Tipton — NEW

Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£159,950**
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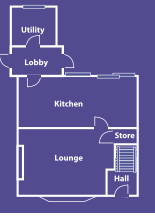

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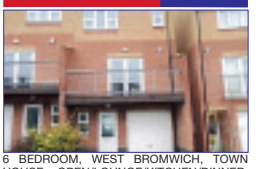
Gospel Oak Road, Tipton

3 BEDROOM, TIPTON, DETACHED, FULLY FURNISHED, DINNING ROOM, FITTED KITCHEN, DRIVEWAY, LARGE REAR GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, CENTRAL HEATED
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£895**

Smithmore Crescent, Bromwich NEW



6 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, TOWN HOUSE, OPEN/LOUNGE/KITCHEN/DINNER, EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM, REAR GARDEN, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE, DSS CONSIDERED
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£895**

Camberley Rise, West Bromwich

5 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, TOWN HOUSE, OPEN LOUNGE/KITCHEN/DINNER, EN SUITE TO MASTER, REAR GARDEN, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE, DOUBLE GLAZED, CENTRAL HEATED, DSS CONSIDERED
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£750**

Wharfedale Street, Wednesbury NEW

4 BEDROOM, WEDNESBURY, MIDDLE TERRACED, RECEPTION HALL, LOUNGE, FEATURE FIREPLACE, DINNING ROOM, KITCHEN WITH GAS COOKER, CELLAR, FAMILY BATHROOM, SEPERATE SHOWER.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£750**

Keyte Close, Tipton NEW

3 BEDROOM, TIPTON, SEMI DETACHED, MODERN, FULLY FURNISHED, RECEPTION HALLWAY, LOUNGE/DINNER, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, FAMILY BATHROOM, GARAGE, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CETNRAL HEATED
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£675**

Chestnut Road, Golf Links, Wednesbury NEW

3 BEDROOM, WEDNESBURY, SEMI DETAHCED,RECEPTION HALL, DRAWING ROOM, 20FT LOUNGE, 17FT FITTED KITCHEN, GUEST WC, FITTED BATHROOM SUITE, REAR GARDEN, OFF ROAD PARKING, GARAGE.
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£650**

Hollyhock Court, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton

2 BEDROOM, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON, APARTMENT, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM SUITE, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, POST BOX, OFF ROAD PARKING
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£650**

Whitehall Road, West Bromwich

4 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, SEMI DETACHED, 3 RECEPTION ROOMS, HALLWAY WITH CLOAKS AREA AND CELLAR, FITTED KITCHEN, FITTED BATHROOM & WC, REAR VEHICLE ACCESS
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£595**

Hollyhock Court, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton

2 BEDROOM, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON, APARTMENT, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM SUITE, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, POST BOX, OFF ROAD PARKING
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£595**

Julia Gardens, West Bromwich NEW

3 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, SEMI DETACHED, CUL DE SAC, RECEPTION HALLWAY, LOUNGE, CONSERVATORY, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, INTEGRAL GARAGE, PARKING, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CETNRAL HEATED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£595**

Price Road, Wednesbury

3 BEDROOM, WEDNESBURY, SEMI DETAHCED, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM, GROUND FLOOR WC, 100FT REAR GARDEN, OFF ROAD PARKING, ALARM, LOCAL SCHOOLS NEARBY.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£550**

Rayford Drive, West Bromwich NEW

3 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, SEMI DETACHED, RECEPTION HALL, THROUGH LOUNGE, CONSERVATORY, FITTED KITCHEN WITH OVEN & HOB, FAMILY BATHROOM, OFF ROAD PARKING, GARAGE/WORKSHOP TO REAR.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£550**

Sandwell Road North, West Bromwich

3 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, MIDDLE TERRACED, LOUNGE, DINNING ROOM, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM, REAR GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£550**

Monins Avenue, Tipton NEW

3 BEDROOM, TIPTON, TOWN HOUSE, RECEPTION HALLWAY, LOUNGE, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, DINNING ROOM, FAMILY BATHROOM, REAR GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CETNRAL HEATED, PARKING, GARAGE, OVERLOOKING THE CANAL.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£550**

Farm End Close, West Bromwich

2 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, SEMI DETACHED, RECEPTION HALLWAY, GUEST CLOAKROOM, LOUNGE, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, FAMILY BATHROOM, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, OFF ROAD PARKING, DSS CONSIDERED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£550**

Gaiety House, Smethwick NEW

2 BEDROOM, SMETHWICK, APARTMENT, RECEPTION HALL AND LANDING, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCIES, BATHROOM, EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM, DOUBLE GLAZED, ELECTRIC HEATING, ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE.
Viewing: 01902 494966 **£550**

Vicarage Road, West Bromwich

3 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, MIDDLE TERRACE, THROUGH LOUNGE & DINNING ROOM, FITTED KITCHEN, NEW FITTED BATHROOM, REAR GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, RECENTLY REFURBISHED THROUGH OUT.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£525**

Sheridon Street, West Bromwich

3 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, MID TERRACED, LIVING ROOM, DINNING ROOM, KITCHEN, GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CETNRAL HEATED, REAR GARDEN. DSS CONSIDERED
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£525**

140 Dial Lane NEW

3 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, SEMI DETACHED, THROUGH LOUNGE WITH FEATURE FIREPLACE, DINNING ROOM, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM, OFF ROAD PARKING, GARAGE AT REAR.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£525**

Slim Avenue, Bilston NEW

3 BEDROOM, BILSTON, SEMI DETACED, CUL DE SAC, RECEPTION HALLWAY, THROUGH LOUNGE DINNER, FITTED KITCHEN, FAMILY BATHROO, REAR GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CETNRAL HEATED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£495**

Mills Walk, Tipton NEW

2 BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED, RECEPTION HALLYWAY, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, FAMILY BATHROOM, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, REAR GARDEN
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£495**

Mason Street, West Bromwich NEW

2 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, MID TERRACED, DINNING ROOM, LIVING ROOM, FITTED KITCHEN, FAMILY BATHROOM WITH SHOWER OVER BATH, REAR GARDEN, PART DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£495**

Corporation Street, Wednesbury

2 BEDROOM, WEDNESBURY, MID TERRACED, LIVING ROOM, DINNING ROOM, FAMILY BATHROOM, FITTED KTICHEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, REAR GARDEN, ACCESS T0 M6 MOTORWAY.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£475**

Darlaston Road, Walsall

3 BEDROOM, MID TERRACED, WALSALL, LOUNGE, DINNING ROOM, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, DOWNSTAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM, REAR GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, DSS CONSIDERED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£475**

Ferguson Drive, Tipton

2 BEDROOM, TIPTON, APARTMENT, RECEPTION HALL, OPEN PLAN LOUNGE & DINNING AREA & FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM, FIRST FLOOR, DOUBLE GLAZED, ECONOMY 7 ELECTRIC HEATING, SECURITY ENTRANCE DOORS, 2 ALLOCATED PARKING SPACES.
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£450**

Short Street, Darlaston

2 BEDROOM, DARLASTON, MID TERRACED, LIVING ROOM, DINNING ROOM, NEW FITTED KITCHEN, NEW FITTED SHOWER ROOM, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, REAR GARDEN, RECENTLY FULLY REFURNISHED.
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£450**

Manifold Way, Charlemont Hall Park, Wednesbury REDUCED

2 BEDROOM, WEDNESBURY, APARTMENT, NEW DEVELOPMENT, LOUNGE WITH OPEN PLAN FITTED KITCHEN, MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE, FITTED BATHROOM, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRA HEATED, CAR PARKING SPACE.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£450**

Tippstone Close, Tipton NEW

1 BEDROOM, TIPTON, APARTMENT, LOUNGE, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, FITTED BATHROOM, DOUBLE BEDROOM, LOCAL AMENITIES, ACCESS TO MOTORWAY NETWORKS.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£450**

All Saints Way, West Bromwich

2 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, MAISONETTE, TWO STOREY, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM, WC, COMMUNAL GROUNDS, DRYING AREA, CAR PARK, FULLY FURNISHED, PART CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£450**

Fisher Street, Tipton NEW

2 BEDROOM, TIPTON, MAISONETTE, FIRST FLOOR, LOUNGE, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED, DUDLEY PORT TRAIN STARTION.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£450**

Potters, Brook, Tipton REDUCED

1 BEDROOM, TIPTON, APARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, CRYSTAL GARDENS DEVELOPMENT, HALLWAY, BATHROOM WITH SHOWER, LOUNGE WITH JULIET BALCONY, FULLY FITTED KTICHEN WITH APPLIANCIES ALSO WITH JULIET BALCONYALLOCATED PARKING SLOT.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£425**

Avern Close, Tipton, West Midlands NEW

1 BEDROOM, TIPTON, APARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN WITH OVEN & HOB, BATHROOM FITTED WITH SHOWER, WASH BASIN & WC, ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACE,
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£400**

Beacon View Road, West Bromwich NEW

2 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, FLAT, 9TH FLOOR, HALLWAY, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM, ELECTRIC STORAGE HEATING, INTERCOM ENTRY SYSTEM, ACCESS TO MOTORWAY NETWORKS.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£395**

Merstone Close, Bilston NEW

1 BEDROOM, BILSTON, FLAT, GROUND FLOOR, ENTRANCE HALL, LOUNGE, KITCHEN, FITTED KITCHEN, COMMUNAL GARDEN, ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£375**

Beeches Road, West Bromwich

1 BEDROOM, WEST BROMWICH, GROUND FLOOR FLAT, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, SHOWER ROOM, COMMUNAL GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRAL HEATED.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£375**

Cumberland Road, Bilston REDUCED

1 BEDROOM, BILSTON, GROUND FLOOR FLAT, RECEPTION HALL, LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, FITTED BATHROOM SUITE WITH ELECTRIC SHOWER, COMMUNAL LAWNED GARDEN, DOUBLE GLAZED, ELECTRIC STORAGE HEATING, SECURITY INTERCOM SYSTEM.
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Electrifying the outback

By Iain Dooley

MERCEDES is on something of a mission to raise awareness of hydrogen as a viable alternative future fuel.

And how: by taking a brace of B-Class cars on a world tour – all 19,000 miles of it.

Electric power might be flavour of the month, but it's not for everyone. Range, battery weight, charging issues and cost – Government grants notwithstanding – are just a few considerations.

The B-Class passed the South Australian test

Hydrogen fuel cell-powered cars offer, in principle, greater flexibility and range, petrol car-like performance plus supermini levels of economy.

And don't forget, the only tailpipe emission is water.

Unlike an electric car, you can't buy a fuel cell model. Until now anything that showed potential was little more than a prototype.

The B-Class is different; it's a regular car destined for low scale production and real world trials.

Legendary

Its clever "sandwich" floor allows the hydrogen tanks and fuel cell to fill the gap, with the electric motor in the nose and the car's lithium-ion battery pack, used for the start up and initial running, located aft below the boot space.

The test location was the coastal town of Ceduna, west of Adelaide, Australia. The 1,200-mile, four-day journey to Perth on outback roads included dodging the legendary roadtrains, snakes, flies, 36-degree heat and plenty of dust. If a high-tech fuel cell car could survive here it could survive anywhere.

There was never any need to worry. The cars had already travelled close to 9,000 miles without a hitch.

Sure, the dozen or so support vehicles were never far away.

Having started in January, the group had already experienced a mild European winter and travelled east to west across North America before flying to Sydney for the start of the Australian leg.

To date, the exercise has shown that the cars work. No fuss, no glitches, no performance worries. With the maximum 3.7kg of compressed hydrogen on board, the car's range is approximately 250 miles of mixed motoring.

Regular running at 60mph on outback roads saw that drop to around 200 miles. Overall, though, conventional fuel consumption is said to be around 85mpg – much better than your average family hatchback.

Passing through typically Australian places such as Ecula, Balladonia and Boondi Rock en route to Perth, the B-Class was straightforward to drive.

Because of the way the fuel cell works – a chemical reaction between the on-board hydrogen and oxygen from the passing air produces electricity, which powers an electric motor – you're really driving an electric car.

Dodging the massive outback roadtrains

And with the B-Class that translates roughly into a 130 horsepower equivalent experience from the 70kW motor (100kW peak output) and single-speed transmission. The B-Class might be eerily quiet, but you don't quite get the same "instant on" acceleration of a true electric car.

With a fuel cell, energy is being made on demand and not stored in a big battery.

It's a little like old-school turbo lag, but only for a fraction of a second.

The upside is that if you're not requesting power you're not consuming the raw fuel.

After four days behind the wheel I soon learned to keep the electric motor spinning between 10 and 20kW for maximum efficiency. It proved best to "prime" the system before any determined acceleration – winding the motor up to 50kW before applying full throttle worked best.

On start-up the B-Class is powered directly by the battery for the few metres it takes the fuel cell to power up.

Efficiency

Depending on its capacity, if you exhaust the hydrogen supply the battery could get you out of trouble – but we're talking a lot less than a mile, not a true "get you home" back-up.

Which brings us to the subject of refuelling. The two hydrogen fuel tankers accompanying the cars acted as mobile filling stations, as locally sourced fuel has been the backbone of the tour.

In the real world, however, it's the scarcity of bricks and mortar filling stations that's proving to be the real bottleneck to progress.

This is a significant factor behind Mercedes' efforts as, by raising awareness, it's hoped more can be done by governments and other agencies to speed up the process of building a refuelling infrastructure.

Sure, Mercedes and others are also developing electric vehicles and there appears to be money available for charging points – witness the growth in popularity in the UK alone.

However, the B-Class boasts more than twice the range of Nissan's Leaf. Not everyone is happy to be restricted to urban motoring or has easy access to a garage or power socket. Fuel cell cars could be a more versatile one-car solution for a family or business.

We just need the infrastructure to catch up – and fast.

Mercedes engineers calculate an electric car-beating three-minute refuelling time for something with the B-Class's 3.7kg tank capacity.

On the day it took longer thanks to the high ambient temperatures and the simple fact that the mobile rigs can't cool the hydrogen down to the levels of a fixed refuelling station.

After four days and 1,200 miles what lessons have been learned? Simply put, the B-Class works and is ready for the real world; the driving experience is conventional and overall performance is good.

The recent developmental gains have been significant – double digit for performance and economy.

What's needed now is a similar effort from those responsible for building a refuelling infrastructure.

It will take time and money, two things the world appears to be lacking, but the technology mustn't be allowed to go to waste.

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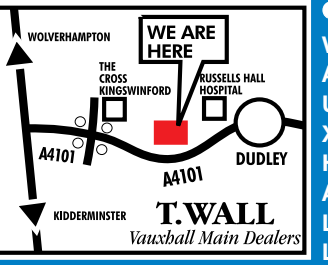

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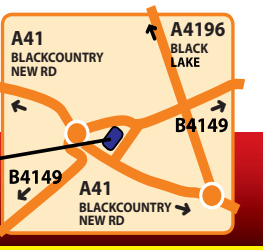

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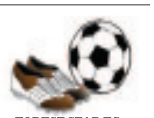

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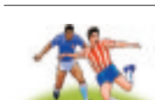

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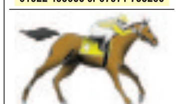

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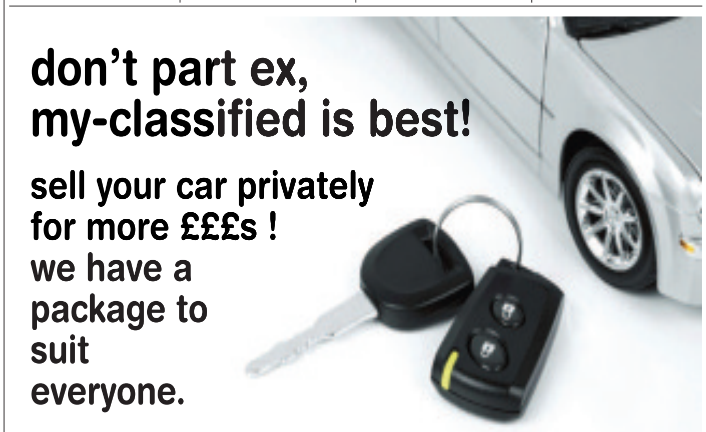

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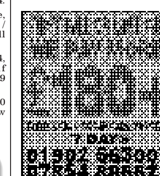

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   Phase Two

   Temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in a southerly direction in Bearwood Road, Smethwick, between its junctions with Three Shires Oak Road/Sandon Road and Hagley Road West/Hagley Road, which will have the effect of making this part of Bearwood Road a one-way street. It is anticipated that this phase will be in operation from 25th July 2011 for approximately 8 weeks.

   Phase Three

   Temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Three Shires Oak Road, Smethwick, from its junction with Bearwood Road to its junction with Thimblemill Road/Wigorn Road. It is anticipated that this phase will be in operation from 10th October 2011 for approximately 2 weeks.

2. The alternative route for vehicles during each phase will be as follows:-

   Phase One

   Via Church Road, Stanhope Road, Thimblemill Road and Three Shires Oak Road.

   Phase Two

   Via Sandon Road, Barnsley Road, and Hagley Road.

   Phase Three

   Via Bearwood Road, Chruch Road, Stanhope Road, Thimblemill Road and vice versa, and Wigorn Road, St Mary's Road, Bearwood Road, and vice versa.

3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works to renew cast iron water supply pipes.
4. The Order will take effect on 30th May 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 24th October 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Joe Wright of South Staffs Water on telephone number 0800 389 1011. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (ABBOTSFORD AVENUE, GREAT BARR) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the entire length of Abbotsford Avenue, Great Barr.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Birmingham Road, Scott Road, Whitecrest and either Marmion Drive, Rokeby Road, Lammermoor Avenue or Peveril Way, to gain access to frontages on Abbotsford Avenue.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works on the overhead cables on behalf of National Grid.
4. The Order will take effect on 4th June 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 19th June 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Errol Palmer on telephone number 0115 964 7800. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (ROOD END ROAD, OLDBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Rood End Road, Oldbury, from its junction with Cemetery Road to its junction with Birmingham Road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Cemetery Road, St Pauls Road, Mallin Street, Oldbury Road, Birmingham Road, Popes Lane, Tat Bank Road, Rood End Road and vice versa.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to install a new foul run and manhole.
4. The Order will take effect on 30th May 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 3rd June 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to John Evans on behalf of M&J Evans Construction, on telephone number 01543 363746. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

DATED this 12th day of May 2011
N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

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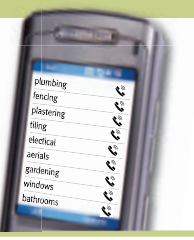

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After an even opening quarter during which neither side threatened, Bewdley took the lead on 28 minutes with a well-taken Chris Seekings goal. Tividale responded positively but without being able to penetrate the visitors' defence.

The second half began with immediate pressure from Tividale but they were rocked back when Bewdley added a second after 48 minutes when Ollie Smith scored from close range after a goalmouth scramble.

His goal brought a lot of huffing and puffing from the hosts but in truth they rarely threatened to get the ball past Bewdley's veteran 'keeper Darren Steadman.

Seekings netted his second goal and Bewdley's third on 70 minutes against a tired-looking Tividale side who have the League Cup final against Wolverhampton Casuals today (Thursday).

BUSTLEHOLME 3 AFC WULFRUNIANS 2

BUSTLEHOLME capped off a fine West Midlands Premier season with a tremendous comeback victory.

Mark Swann and Ade Bandele put the visitors in control but Matt Jukes pulled one back.

Jukes then scored a superb solo goal and netted the winner five minutes from time.

The good, the bad and the Heskey

VILLA held a Wild West themed family fun day before the match – and it could not have been more fitting, as fans saw The Good, The Bad and The Ugly against Wigan.

Unfortunately it is the 'Ugly' which will be remembered most from this contest and it came in the unlikely form of Emile Heskey who lost the plot when he confronted referee Mike Jones.

Heskey's rage had been fuelled by a series of injustices over the physical treatment he had received from the Wigan defence during the first half. The flashpoint came when Antolin Alcaraz struck the Villa striker in the back in the 32nd minute with his knee and elbow.

It prompted Heskey to barge into Jones as he argued his case and then squared up to the Chester official to offer his unabridged version of events.

Had Heskey not been restrained by his Villa team-mates – Brad Friedel ran the full length of the pitch to help pull back the striker – then it could well have ended up as an incident as infamous as Paulo Di Canio's shove on referee Paul Alcock.

What was so surprising was that it was so out of character for Heskey, who is the archetypal gentle giant who possesses the physique of a boxer but the fight of a kitten. This time he roared like a lion.

Heskey just about kept a lid on his emotions before half-time but he continued the heated discussions in the tunnel before Villa assistant boss Gary McAllister told him during the break he was going to substitute him.

It was the straw that broke the camel's back and prompted Heskey to storm out of the ground at half-time. He may now face internal club discipline over his behaviour.

"You could tell by the way he was reacting that he wasn't happy. Is it excusable that he goes home? Maybe it's the best thing," said McAllister.

"Of course I wouldn't encourage a player leaving at half-time. Why on earth would I want that to happen? It's not a great message for someone

VILLA 1
WIGAN 1

to leave the ground at half-time.

"I am not sure why he reacted that way. It's a physical game, the Premier League is a physical league.

"There was obviously a decision to be made, we wanted to finish the game with 11. There was obviously red mist there.

"The final 10 minutes of the half – when I caught Emile's eye – I got the assurance I needed that he would get himself to half-time. The decision then had to be to make sure Villa stayed with 11."

Now that the 'Ugly' has been dealt with what about the 'Good' and the 'Bad'?

Headache

Well, the match became a mixture of the two although – with the exception of the Heskey incident – it was largely a poor, uninspiring and disjointed affair.

Villa made one change from the side which lost 2-1 at Albion as Gabby Agbonlahor was omitted from the match-day squad after he was struck down with a headache on the morning of the game.

And McAllister may have found himself reaching into the medicine cabinet as the claret and blues went a goal down in the 10th minute when Kyle Walker was caught in possession.

The on-loan Tottenham right-back cut infield as he attempted to carry the play forward but instead gave the ball away in the centre circle.

Hugo Rodallega linked up well with Victor Moses as the Wigan pair ran straight towards goal before they drew the attentions of Richard Dunne and James Collins.

Rodallega then laid it on a plate for N'Zogbia, who had drifted into space on the left edge of the box, and he produced a crisp low finish which flew past Friedel and nestled into the bottom-right corner of the net.

N'Zogbia had an impressive afternoon for Wigan and should they be relegated and Villa be looking for a replacement for Ashley Young, then they could do worse than bid for the Frenchman.

It was, however, a bad goal for Villa to concede and Walker, in front of watching England manager Fabio Capello, was quick to take responsibility and issued his apologies via Twitter after the game.

Some of the 'Good' from the afternoon came when Villa levelled seven minutes later after Ashley Young's jinking run across the edge of the area resulted in him being chopped down by Wigan midfielder Ben Watson.

Young dusted himself down and expertly curled the resulting free-kick past the wall and keeper Ali Al Habsi and into the corner of the net.

However, Young's celebration – in which he used the f-word when captain Stiliyan Petrov tried to celebrate with him – saw the 'Ugly' side of Villa rear its head again.

The remainder of the game was largely in the 'Bad' category.

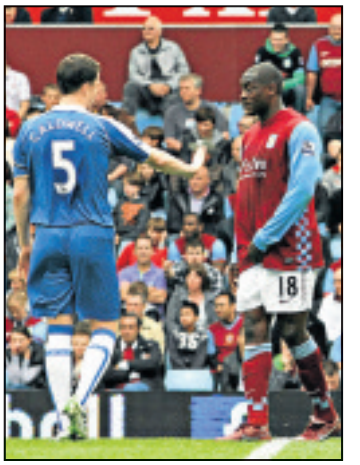
In particular when Villa reverted to a 4-5-1 system following the introduction of Marc Albrighton they lacked any kind of penetration from midfield as Petrov and Nigel Reo-Coker seemed content to sit deep.

Villa had a chance to steal all three points in the 83rd minute when Darren Bent chased back into his own half and won the ball off Gary Caldwell to set up a Villa counter attack.

Ashley Young threaded an inch-perfect through-ball back to Bent which the sliding Caldwell was unable to intercept to leave Villa's record signing with only Al Habsi to beat. But such was Villa's afternoon that you just knew that Bent, who normally puts this type of chance away for fun, would not be able to find a way past the Wigan 'keeper who blocked his shot.

The only 'Good' left to mention was that Villa secured a point which ensured, barring a freakish set of results, they will be playing Premier League football again next season.

With two games to go the end of the season cannot come soon enough.



Out of character – Emile Heskey still furious after being booked by Mike Jones

TALKING POINT

HESKEY PUNISHMENT:

Heskey was lucky to escape with a yellow card after his histrionics with the referee but it was his reaction to being substituted which must now be dealt with by the club. Heskey left the ground at half-time and went home, which is not acceptable, and Gary McAllister must show his strength to punish his former Liverpool team-mate.

Next two games...

ARSENAL (A) MAY 15

The Gunners have been vulnerable at home on occasions this season but whether Villa can take advantage is another matter.

LIVERPOOL (H) MAY 22

An emotional return to Villa Park for Gerard Houllier to inspire a win over his former club? Don't bet against it.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bulldogs lack bite as Sonics hog scoreboard

BIRMINGHAM BULLDOGS 8 BRISTOL SONICS 40

BIRMINGHAM Bulldogs' opening league match of the summer season ended in a heavy defeat after a commendable first half performance. Visitors Bristol Sonics ultimately had too much power and penetration wide out and made it tell in the second period.

Bristol scored barely two minutes in after gathering the ball from their own kick-off. A penalty took them downfield where right wing Johan Schoeman touched down being the posts, standoff Dom Swann converted.

Brum struck back when second rower Tom Sankey showed a good turn of pace to cross for a try in the left corner.

After a scoreless near half-hour another penalty conceded by Birmingham led to centre Josh Sampson crossing on the right, Swann goaling well.

With half time approaching, Pearson, Homer and Stewart handled well to put right wing Chris Fensome over in the corner.

Bulldogs launched a similar raid at the start of the second half, but Fensome was tackled into touch.

The physically imposing Sonics back division began to pound the home line and a burst of four tries in 14 minutes put the game beyond Brum's reach. The scores came from left centre Marcus Brooker, Sampson, prop Dave Leach and full back James Gross, Swann adding the extras to the first three, two splendid tackles from Bulldogs' Court prevented further scores.

Birmingham continued to battle hard, none more so than Pearson who was a handful for the visitors throughout.

The defensive stint was taking its toll, however, and a tap penalty close to the home lien led to a second try for Brooker which was goaled by hooker Joel Keen to round off the scoring close to the final whistle.

Honours

Greg Pearson took man-of-the match honours for the hosts, with Stewart and Homer in contention. For Sonics, Marcus Brooker edged out Sampson for the award.

On Saturday Bulldogs travel to Leamington Royals

Birmingham Bulldogs juniors took to the field in earnest for the first time this season as they hosted sides from Leicester Storm and Telford Raiders.

A series of 7 and 9 a-side games were played at under-13 and under-14 level before the day finished with a full, 13-a-side match for the under 14s.

Bulldogs under 13's opened with a (sevens) match against Leicester whose players had played rugby union together over the winter season. In the event, the visiting team won by five tries to one but the Bum lads showed great enthusiasm.

For the U13s against Telford, Bulldogs sportingly lent a couple of players to the other side and the match finished 4-4.

Telford were, however, much stronger at under 14s level for their nine-a-side match with Birmingham. Nonetheless the home side were just 2-3 down at the halfway stage before Telford pulled away to win 8-2.

For the U14 13-a-side game, the players of Bulldogs and Leicester combined to take on Telford. Three tries and a conversion put Telford 14-0 ahead at the break. But the Brum/Leics side had a better second half as Telford ran out winners by 24- 4.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Home win for Sandwell Lions

SANDWELL LIONS 96 EAST NEWPORT 82

ON a sunny and not too windy Sunday afternoon, Sandwell pick up more useful Premier League points, with a home win over East Newport.

In an exciting and entertaining match, both sides put up a good and fair battle for the points, with only two excludes in the match one for each side and both for moving at the tapes.

Re-starts were the order of the day with several riders finding the lack of spare on the first bend a problem but no damage was done to any of the riders.

Sandwell: Lee Smith 16, Lewis Bates 14, Matt Smith 14, Erol Thaw 14, Jack Harrold 13, Scott Millward 12, Leighton Bates 7, Ricki Johnson 6.

East Newport: Ben Mould 19, Craig Nethercott 13, Dan Bock 10, Chris Davies 10, Arron Herbert 10,Neil Power 10, Nicki Evans 6, AAron Hughes 4.

The Combination match saw East Newport pull off a good win over the home team. Sandwell scoring power was in the Matt Smith, Scott Millward and Ricki Johnson trio, Scott taking maximum points, and Matt being unbeaten by any of the East Newport riders.

Sandwell: Scott Millward 20, Matt Smith 18, Ricki Johnson 15, Phil Hemming 12, Jack Rowley 5, Josh Hill 4.

East Newport: Corey Burnell-Jones 10, Matt Davies 10, Ethan Greenslade 10, Joe Avery 7, Josh Davies 5, Rob Absolom 7, Colin Wilby 3.

On Sunday the Lions entertain Birmingham Monarchs at Tividale.

SPEEDWAY

Rising star rides for Brummies

BIRMINGHAM boss Graham Drury has booked hot Swedish prospect Dennis Andersson to guest for the club in their Elite League derby clash with Coventry at Perry Barr tonight (Thursday, 7.30pm).

Andersson has been piling up the points for Poole in his debut British season and he will deputise for Kevin Wolbert and James Wright who are riding for their Premier League clubs.

Drury has confirmed Krzysztof Kasprzak is still in Poland after his domestic club Tarnow banned him from riding in the Elite League.

Former Coventry rider Rory Schlein, now of Belle Vue, will ride as a guest.

Drury said the club may have to seek legal advice over the Kasprzak problem.

He added: "In the meantime we have a great meeting to look forward to and I feel we have a team capable of winning it."

BIRMINGHAM pulled off a stunning 52-38 Elite League win over King's Lynn at Perry Barr last Thursday.

Czech Republic star Ales Dryml gave his best display in Brummies colours with a 15+3 haul as Birmingham dug deep to secure a vital victory.

Maximum points looked very unlikely early on, as they came up against a fast-gating Stars outfit, as visiting riders won four of the first five races.

King's Lynn's only significant reward, though, was a 4-2 in Heat 3, although the Brummies dodged a major setback in Heat 5 when both Ben Barker and guest Darcy Ward managed to pass Tomas Topinka for second and third places.

The visitors still led by two points after Heat 7, but they doubled it with another 4-2 in the next race, Topinka the surprise winner, and with Kenneth Bjerre seemingly in dominant form it looked to be a long way back for the Brummies.

But the meeting turned completely with back-to-back Birmingham 5-1s in the next three races, first with Daniel Nermark clamping off Niels-Kristian Iversen in Heat 9 and Barker surging around the outside to join him.

Then Mads Korneliussen was neatly moved aside by Dryml in Heat 10, allowing Ward to follow him through and put the Brummies ahead . What nobody could have forecast was Dryml and Daniel Nermark heading home the previously unstoppable Bjerre in the next race.

Dryml was replacing Claus Vissing, who aggravated his wrist injury in a second-ride spill, and although he was edged out by Korneliussen in Heat 12, it meant the Stars couldn't nominate a rider for double points in the next race.

Ward, who displayed stunning speed at times, split Iversen and Bjerre in Heat 13, with Dryml and Barker making the match safe in the penultimate heat.

Then Barker combined with Ward to put the icing on the cake as both rode clever first laps in Heat 15 to take advantage of Iversen and the fading Bjerre drifting wide on turn two, rounding off a thoroughly satisfying night for the Brummies.

BIRMINGHAM 52: Ales Dryml 15+3, Ben Barker 13+2, Darcy Ward 12+3, Daniel Nermark 11, Kevin Wolbert 1+1, Claus Vissing 0, Daniel King r/r.

KING'S LYNN 38: Mads Korneliussen 10, Niels-Kristian Iversen 9+1, Kenneth Bjerre 8, Sam Masters 5, Tomas Topinka 4, Filip Sitera 2+2, Olly Allen r/r.

TEENAGER Danny Stoneman has joined Dudley Heathens as part of their team reshuffle.

Stoneman, 19, has been riding for Mildenhall as cover for the unavailable Cameron Heeps but was stood down for this weekend and will make his Heathens debut on May 17 in the Knockout Cup against Belle Vue.

Luke Chessell has been released from the former Cradley club after struggling for form and confidence.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "Once we announced the signing of Kyle Newman to replace Adam Roynon it was obvious someone else would have to go and Luke is the unlucky rider.

"We cannot fault Luke for his effort, he has tried his heart out. We wish him well for the future and hope to see him fixed up elsewhere soon.

"Our club partner, Gary Patchett, took a call from Danny Stoneman's camp saying they would prefer to take up the option of a team place with us rather than waiting for Mildenhall to decide if they wanted him and even then it was only short-term to cover for Cameron Heeps. And Danny has already scored points this season, including 3+1 for Mildenhall against ourselves when we met at West Row.

"He also scored 2+1 against us for Bournemouth at Poole last season and he has the potential and bottle to improve. Hopefully that improvement will shine through with us."

It means Heathens will be handing a debut to two riders when they face Belle Vue at Monmore Green on May 17 with both Newman and Stoneman in the side.

Checked

Pearson has also clarified the eligibility of Newman who will now be riding in all three leagues. As well as Heathens meetings he will be racing for Newcastle in the Premier League and Poole in the Elite.

Pearson said: "Before announcing the signing of Kyle we checked with Graham Reeve at the SCB, I also personally checked with a leading referee, plus we had the support of Matt Ford at Poole and George English at Newcastle because we wanted to be sure they were happy with this move. Both are also BSPA management committee members.

"I also double-checked with Peter Morrish, the National League co-ordinator, and there is no rule to prevent a young British rider appearing in three different leagues. We have done this in a professional and manner by going through the correct channels."

Heathens recruit Kyle Newman

This followed Heathens snapping upe snapped up Great Britain Under-21 international Kyle Newman.

Newman, 19, will replace the injured Adam Roynon at the former Cradley club. He brings with him a fine pedigree at this level having won the title with both Weymouth and Bournemouth and also won the cup two years ago.

He rides for Newcastle in the Premier League and proved to be their matchwinner at the weekend when he scored 11+1 in their narrow victory over Sheffield.

Pearson said: "I'm delighted to welcome Kyle to the club. I saw a fair bit of him at Birmingham last season and our club partner, Gary Patchett, speaks very highly of the lad.

"I was only talking to Kyle last week when I was at Newcastle with Sky and he asked how things had been going for us at Dudley and here we are, one week later, working together!"

BOXING

Defeat for Black Country fighters

THE second day of the Junior ABA semi-finals at Havercroft saw James Beech of Walsall's Wildstar ABC and Samuel Eggington of Warley ABC both slip to defeats.

In the 57kg Class 6 semi, Beech went down to a 19-12 defeat at the hands of southpaw Jack Catterall of Leigh ABC. But while the Lancashire teenager had his arm raised at the close of proceedings it was only in the final round that his victory was guaranteed, the early rounds had proved closer and the scores were tied at 6-6 at the end of the first session.

In the 75kg Class 6 semi Warley's Eggington was beaten by John Newell of Manchester's Shannon and Ancoats ABC, who ran out a 15-10 winner.

The taller switch-hitting Newell had opened with a looping right hook to the head while Eggington opted to work to the body. It was the Mancunian, scoring with the more eye-catching single shots who opened up a lead. That lead prompted the Warley puncher's corner to inform their man in no uncertain terms prior to the closing round that he needed a knockout just to get a draw and despite Eggington letting plenty go in a busy fourth session Newell's lead proved to great to overcome.

There will be a local representative in the finals, though, after Joshua Stokes of Wodensborough ABC progressed when his opponent in the 67kg Class 6, Leigh's Marcus Morrison, failed to make the required weight.

Also through to the finals in Rochester later this month thanks to a walkover is Dale Doody of Wednesbury ABC, who will contest the 48kg Class 6 final.

sport

Talks on targets and wages are under way

ALBION boss Roy Hodgson has began talks with the club's powerbrokers to draw up a summer transfer plan.

The manager was set for a training ground meeting with chairman Jeremy Peace, chief executive Mark Jenkins and sporting director Dan Ashworth to discuss potential transfer targets.

Premier League survival was confirmed on Saturday thanks to other results and, despite the setback of Sunday's Black Country derby defeat at Wolves, Albion are keen to press ahead with summer strengthening. Hodgson said: "Everything up to now has always been qualified by 'let's wait to see what league we will be in.'

"The very important meeting with myself and Dan Ashworth is now, when we sit down and look at what is possible, what isn't possible, what we'd like to do. But I do know the chairman is 100 per cent behind trying to help us stabilise even more."

Hodgson's priority will be to tie down his stars on long-term contracts with leading scorer Peter Odemwingie, who took his tally to a career-best 15 goals on Sunday, to be offered a big-money extension. The Nigeria international could be offered wages in excess of £30,000, putting him on a par with top-earner Paul Scharner. Skipper Chris Brunt could be offered similar terms.

Baggies hitman Peter Odemwingie brings it back to 3-1 at Molineux but it was too little too late and the only real highlight for Albion supporters *Picture: David Hamilton*

Food for thought after derby woe

Wolves (2) 3 — Fletcher 15,47, Guedioura 28
Baggies (0) 1 — Odemwingie 55(p)

Att 28,510

MATCH STATS

52%	Possession	48%
10 (5/5)	Shots on target	(3/4) 7
4 (3/1)	Shots off target	(4/4) 8
5 (4/1)	Offsides	(2/0) 2
9 (3/6)	Fouls	(6/1) 7
8 (6/2)	Corners	(1/3) 4
3	Yellow Cards	1
0	Red Cards	0

REFEREE: Mike Dean (Wirral).

WOLVES PLAYER STATS

13	Hennessey	(2 Catch 1 Parry)
32	Foley	✖1 ☞1
6	Craddock	➡1 ✖1
21	Mancienne	✔1
3	Elokobi	➡2 ✣1 ☞1
34	Guedioura	★2 ✣1 ✖2 ✔1
8	Henry	⚑2 ✖3
24	O'Hara	⚑1 ★3 ✔2 ☞3
12	Hunt	✖2 ✔2
11	Ward	★1 ✣1 ✔1 ◆4
10	Fletcher	★3 ✣1 ◆1

subs: 5 Stearman **for 24** [80 mins], 9 Ebanks-Blake★1 **for 10** [84 mins], 17 Jarvis **for 34** [74 mins], **not used:** 1 Hahnemann, 16 Berra, 18 Vokes, 20 Milijas

BAGGIES PLAYER STATS

1	Carson (2 Catch 1 Parry 2 Punch 1 Round Post)	
36	Jara	✖1 ✔1
23	Meite	➡1
3	Olsson	➡1 ⚑2 ✖1
20	Shorey	✣1 ✖1
5	Tchoyi	★1 ✣2 ✖1
7	Morrison	⚑1 ★1 ✖1 ☞1
21	Mulumbu	➡1 ✖1
14	Thomas	★2 ✣2 ✔2
31	Cox	★1 ✔1
24	Odemwingie	★1 ✣2 ✖1 ✔2 ◆2

subs: 10 Miller✔3 **for 31** [78 mins], 18 Vela **for 14** [83 mins], 28 Fortune✣1 **for 36** [68 mins], **not used:** 13 Myhill, 26 Hurst, 29 Thorne, 30 Tamas

Key to reading the player stats: ➡ defensive block ⚑ defensive clearance ★ shot on target ✣ shot off target ✖ Fouls committed ✔ Free-kicks won ◆ Caught offside ☞ Crosses

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	36	17	1	0	45	10	5	9	4	28	24	76
Chelsea	36	14	2	2	37	11	7	5	6	30	19	70
Arsenal	36	11	4	3	32	13	8	6	4	37	26	67
Man City	35	11	4	2	30	12	7	4	7	24	21	62
Tottenham	35	8	9	1	28	18	6	5	6	23	26	56
Liverpool	35	12	4	2	37	12	4	3	10	17	27	55
Everton	36	8	7	3	30	23	4	8	6	20	21	51
Stoke	36	10	4	4	31	17	3	3	12	15	27	46
Bolton	36	10	5	3	34	22	2	5	11	15	28	46
Fulham	35	8	6	3	26	16	2	9	7	17	20	45
Newcastle	36	6	7	5	38	24	5	4	9	13	28	44
Sunderland	36	7	5	6	24	24	4	6	8	17	29	44
WEST BROM	**36**	**7**	**6**	**5**	**29**	**30**	**4**	**4**	**10**	**23**	**38**	**43**
Aston Villa	36	7	7	4	25	19	3	5	10	20	39	42
Blackburn	36	7	6	5	21	15	3	3	12	21	41	39
Birmingham	36	6	8	4	19	20	2	7	9	17	34	39
WOLVES	**36**	**8**	**4**	**6**	**28**	**27**	**2**	**3**	**13**	**13**	**35**	**37**
Blackpool	36	4	5	9	26	34	5	4	9	23	37	36
Wigan	36	4	8	6	19	32	3	7	8	17	27	36
West Ham	36	5	5	8	24	28	2	7	9	17	36	33

ALBION lost the battle the day after winning the war.

But a hurtful defeat in the game that matters most might just have helped Roy Hodgson as much as a glorious victory.

Losing at Molineux stung Baggies fans, even with Premier League safety made official less than 24 hours beforehand.

The chastening loss to their fiercest rivals surely taught Hodgson some valuable lessons about his Albion squad.

Having watched them at their best for much of the last three months, Hodgson saw the Baggies at their worst on Sunday in a 45-minute no-show that left them beaten well before they summoned the kind of football that has propelled them to the heady heights of mid-table.

The second half of a raucous encounter saw Hodgson's men draw once more on the reserves of character and resilience that have fuelled their remarkable resurgence under the new gaffer's guidance.

And the attacking coherence that returned throughout that second period to tweak the nerves of an edgy Molineux offered Wolves fans an insight into how their Black Country rivals have stolen a march.

Albion's campaign reached its successful conclusion on Saturday evening when Tottenham's late equaliser against Blackpool removed any mathematical doubt about Albion's safety.

But by the time the second-half assault

WOLVES 3
ALBION 1

restored a semblance of Baggies pride, the fight was lost thanks to a first-half implosion that reminded supporters just how fragile Albion can be.

While Hodgson will doubtless have been warned about the darker side of his squad's split personality, it will have done the Hawthorns head coach no harm to witness the return of Mr Hyde after a joyous spell of success for Dr Jekyll.

As he sat down this week with the Baggies' powerbrokers to map out the next phase of the club's on-field development, events at Molineux must have Hodgson thinking on the best way forward. None of which will ease the short-term pain for Baggies fans who have, since Hodgson's arrival, become used to almost unfettered footballing pleasure.

While set-piece frailties again proved his team's ultimate undoing, Hodgson saw them generally out-fought by a Wolves side showing greater urgency.

While the Baggies boss knocked back suggestions that safety had blunted his side's competitive edge, he conceded after the game that a lack of intensity had undermined their efforts to live with Mick McCarthy's men and their high-octane early approach.

And that might well have queered the pitches of several of those Albion men yet to fully convince since the new boss took the reins.

Gonzalo Jara's rash display at right-back did little to enhance his hopes of a long-term future under Hodgson.

Scott Carson, despite a couple of smart second-half saves, once more failed to dominate at set-pieces.

Somen Tchoyi failed to do enough having been given a rare chance to impress; James Morrison looked ill-at-ease as a orthodox central midfielder; and Abdoulaye Meite – such a key figure in Albion's climb under Hodgson – once again reprised the hapless brand of defending that saw him exiled from the side. With his future still to be decided in the summer, the Ivory Coast international has reawakened some of the doubts he worked so hard to silence.

Failing to get to grips with Wolves' tenacious style saw Albion gift their hosts a string of set-pieces.

And no seasoned Baggies viewer was too surprised to see them pay dividends, first when Adlene Guedioura was unmarked to help a ball on for Steven Fletcher to net, then when Fletcher returned the favour for Guedioura to make it 2-0.

Meite's second aberration in eight days – failing to cut out a misplaced Kevin Foley through-ball – allowed Fletcher to make it 3-0 and seal the game for Wolves in the opening minutes of the second half.

So by the time Jerome Thomas was fouled by Guedioura and Peter Odemwingie smashed home a penalty to make it 3-1, it was a mere consolation for Albion.

Things might have been more interesting had Simon Cox's neat volley not been kept out by a diving Wayne Hennessey or Thomas's powerful shot not rebounded to safety off the crossbar.

The scoreline left an unwelcome blot on the landscape of a weekend that should have been celebrated joyously by Albion fans, yet when they have licked their wounds, would any fan swap victory at Molineux for the fabulous run that came before? And none would change places with Wolves.

Life is good at The Hawthorns. Derby defeat was simply a reminder to all that there remains plenty of room for improvement.

TALKING POINT

SET-PIECE NIGHTMARE: Roy Hodgson has worked miracles to turn around the Baggies' season but even the hugely popular head coach has been unable to make his side better at set-pieces.

A massive proportion of the goals conceded by Albion during Hodgson's reign have come from free-kicks or corners and on Sunday the old shortcomings left them beaten before they started to play their football.

Hodgson – a man with meticulous attention to detail – will be desperate to make them stronger at set-plays as he looks to build on this season's achievements.

And it might need personnel changes in goal and among his back four to plug those leaks.

Next two games…

EVERTON (H) MAY 14
The Hawthorns will be in party mood for the final home fixture of a successful season and the Baggies will be keen to go out on a high but they will face a stiff test against David Moyes' in-form side who will be determined party-poopers.

NEWCASTLE (A) MAY 22
A long, long trip to the North East as Baggies end their season against one of the sides that were promoted from the Championship last season. Neither team is likely to have a great deal to play for on a relaxed Sunday.

Albion didn't ease off but showed determination and guts, insists boss

ROY Hodgson insisted Albion did not 'ease off' at Molineux.

The Baggies were beaten 3-1 at Molineux less than 24 hours after their Premier League survival was finally confirmed mathematically by Blackpool's draw at Tottenham. But Hodgson was adamant his players did not let standards slip because safety was guaranteed.

"I knew I would get that question," said the Hawthorns head coach. "The fact is, it's easy to write that headline.

"I could give you the scoreline before the game and then you don't bother to watch the match and say the players weren't 'at it'. I can't understand that. When you go 3-0 down and then show the determination and character and guts the team produced, that shows why we're still in the league next season."

The Baggies were 3-0 down after just 47 minutes but responded with a second-half assault on the Wolves goal. They scored once with a penalty from Peter Odemwingie. Hodgson expressed his pride at his team's efforts.

"We should have had another goal as there was a clear goal chance for Jerome Thomas. If he took a bit of power off the shot he would have scored but he put so much power on it came off the underside of the crossbar.

"The header from Somen Tchoyi a little while afterwards was a whisker away. So, we had plenty of opportunities and situations in front of their goal. Fair play to Wolves, they got a nice lead, held on to it and won."

Hodgson admitted disappointment at Wolves' first two goals, both of which came from unmarked players at corners.

"The set-plays were prepared as usual and everyone had a job to do," said Hodgson. "We knew where the danger was going to come from and that it would be the second ball, not the first. We hoped we'd primed the players to defend that."

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